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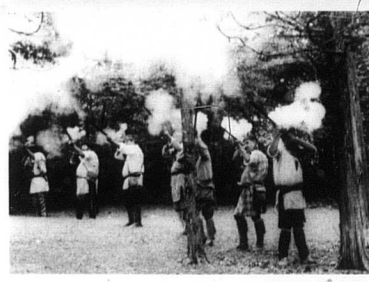


Photo By: Amy Rankin  
A gun salute was paid as tribute to the soldiers who served in the Battle of Blue Licks during a memorial ceremony Sunday, August 16.

## School Board votes for new track at schools

By Amy Rankin  
Managing Editor

The Nicholas County Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening, August 17, after the first day of the 1998-99 school year.

The first item of business on the agenda for the evening was the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Greg Reid, the Board gave approval to pay fees to Ross-Tarrant Architects for renovation plans, with the exception of \$465.11 which falls as reimbursable fees and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Superintendent Reid reported to the Board that the high school renovation project is still in the works and all is going as planned.

In other business, the Board made a unanimous declaration that a certified teacher is not available for the Science Chemistry position at the high school.

By making this particular declaration, the Board has allowed for the emergency certification of a teacher for this position.

A request was received by the Board from the Nicholas County High School Library for additional books and equipment.

Superintendent Reid recommended that the Board allocate \$3,000 for library purposes, stating that funds are low and the library will be changing once renovation is complete.

The Board voted to give the library \$3,500 as recommended by the Superintendent.

The Board also voted to agree with Superintendent Reid's recommendations that they pay the \$1,200 fee for Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Elementary School to participate once again in the Limestone Academic League.

This figure was \$400 less than previous fees.

Kevin Miller entered a request to the Board, asking that a counselor's position be created for the elementary school.

Upon Superintendent Reid's recommendations, the Board voted to establish this position for 185 days, includ-

ing that payment responsibilities would belong completely to the Nicholas County Elementary School.

The Board voted to enter into contract with the Child Development Center of the Bluegrass, which will provide for the needs of special needs pre-school students.

They also voted to provide occupational therapy services for the 1998-99 school year at \$55 per hour with Professional Rehabilitation Associates.

After reviewing the General Budget, the Board voted to approve the proposition for this year.

Superintendent Reid informed the Board during his report that there is to be \$15,000 left over in a part of the budget.

His recommendation to them was this money be divided equally between the principals of both the elementary and high schools to be used for travel and other necessary functions.

The Board voted to agree with this recommendation, allocating \$7,000 for each position from Section 7 of the Budget.

Reid also requested that \$27,500 be set aside for the

construction of a 200 meter track to be used by the schools.

After Reid presenting price projections and the schedule for completion, the Board voted to approve the construction.

Nicholas County High School Principal Beckman requested that \$5,000 be given to the athletic department for the purchase of new uniforms.

Upon the Superintendent's recommendations, the Board voted to give the money to the athletic program to be used for necessary and important equipment.

Superintendent Reid stated to the Board that there were some bids for the construction of the new playground, but included that the PTA needs to be involved in the price scheme.

The Board plans to invite the PTA to their next meeting for this discussion.

The Board also discussed possibilities for repairs to the Board of Education office.

After some consideration, they voted to approve a BCI application to be used for repairs.

The Board then entered into executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigations.

## The Battle of Blue Licks brings a crowd to park

By Amy Rankin  
Managing Editor

A taste of history could be savored Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16, during the battle of Blue Licks re-enactment at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, located just a few miles out of Carlisle, in Robertson County.

The annual re-enactment portrays the last battle of the Revolutionary War which was fought on August 19, 1782 at the site now recognized as Blue Licks State Park and sponsored by the White Hawk Primitive Rifemen group and employees of the Park.

Actors in authentic dress prepared their meals over open fires and readied their weapons for battle beneath the shading of their tents.

The campsites were open for the public to come and experience a small sampling of what pioneer life was like.

Merchandise authentic to the time period could be purchased from many of the tents,

including knives, arrowheads, jewelry and clothing.

Original pieces created by blacksmith Carl E. King could also be bought at his tent near the rear of the camp.

Brook and Barbara Elliott, writers for the *Kentucky Living* magazine, participated in the re-enactment, with Brook acting as narrator for the Battle.

The Elliotts recently toured Carlisle, writing about their adventures and the many attractions to be seen around the community.

During the battle re-enactment, the soldiers depicting the American side of the War marched up a hill, straight into combat with the British army.

Although the battle was staged, actors represented their positions with authority and reality, leaving 1980s' spectators with the marginal affect of the past.

Guns were fired and men tramped the soldiers and settlers fell to the ground as they attempted to win the war for their side.

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The battle lasted no more than twenty minutes and when it was over, the British claimed their triumphant victory over the American soldiers.

The drama was intense and one felt as if they had truly witnessed history in action.

The last battle of the Revolutionary War was fought between 163 Kentuckians and around 240 Indians and Canadians, according to the memorial monument at the Park, which was the site of Sunday afternoon's remembrance ceremony on August 16.

The ceremony was brief, with a moment of silent prayer while a young woman played "Amazing Grace" on a violin.

After the prayer, a gun salute gave tribute to the many men that had fought and died for Kentucky.

One inscription on the monument described the horrors these actors fell as they gored.

Daniel Boone's statement reads: "He valiantly did our small party fight that, to the depicted Indians would unfortunately fell in the battle, enough to honor cannot be paid."

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## Illness at Jockey sends workers home, to hospital

By Amy Rankin  
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