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Carlisle City Council approves 2nd reading of 2025/2026 budget

City awarded \$26,100.00 from Gov. Beshear and KOHS for mapping

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Members of the Carlisle City Council, including Mayor Ronnie Clark and City Attorney Henry “Skip” Watson (by telephone), held a special-called meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 10:00am, at City Hall.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order with a moment of silence and roll call with one City Council member absent.

The council approved the 2nd reading of the City of Carlisle 2025-2026 budget for the operation of city government. Mayor Clark said that this budget has a

carry forward balance and that the city is saving money and also has it in reserve. The mayor also mentioned that the purchase of air bags, for use by the Carlisle Fire Dept. in the event of rollover vehicle crashes, was also included in the budget as well.

Mayor Clark spoke about the construction of the new Fire Department building, and that it was going to be done 100% the right way.

The mayor also spoke about blacktop patching, paving, and milling around town, and that the repaving of the road leading to the city lake was under the bid limit and would be first on the list to be repaired. The mayor also mentioned that he would like to see the railroad tracks removed on Market Street.

Before adjournment, Mayor Clark said that the city had been awarded a 911 Services Board grant, in the amount of \$26,100.00, on behalf of Governor Andy Beshear and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS). This awarded amount will go towards geospatial and mapping for the city, which will make it much easier to find addresses, when it comes to 911 calls. Mayor Clark said that this new mapping will be a great benefit for both the city and the county.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

Health Fair at Jockey Park is well attended, in spite of the heat

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A Health Fair, sponsored by Sterling Health Care, was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, at Jockey Park, in Carlisle, Ky.

The event was well attended, in spite of the intense heat. The event featured quite a lot of participating organiza-

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CARLISLE-NICHOLAS CO TOURISM ANNUAL BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

Tues July 1st	7pm Mike King & Kool Country
Wed July 2nd	7pm Lets Cruise with DJ Gayle McCord 730pm 202 nd Army Band 10pm Fireworks
Thurs July 3rd	7pm Parade Lineup 530pm Blackberry Queen Crowning immediately following 8pm Mike King & Kool Country
Fri July 4th	7pm Trailer Trash Band
Sat July 5th	8am 5K Run 2pm Blackberry Pageant 2pm to 4pm Baking Competition 7pm Mike King & Kool Country

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Nicholas County Schools launches \$5,500 Scholarship for ECU's Option 9 Educators

(Article written by Christine Rannells, courtesy of www.eku.edu and NC Schools – Carlisle, Ky. Facebook page)

Eastern Kentucky University's (EKU) Option 9 program aims to alleviate the statewide teacher shortage by making teacher education more accessible to those already working in a school. According to the Kentucky Department of Education, approximately 13% of all teaching vacancies for the 2023-24 school year remained unfilled.

Nicholas County School District in Kentucky joined forces with ECU in efforts to combat the teacher shortage by offering paraeducators a \$5,500 scholarship toward completing ECU's Option 9 program.

“With our deep history and a reputation built on teacher education, we recognize the power and impact of educators on not only individual lives but entire communities,” said ECU President David McFaddin. “Together with school districts like Nicholas County, we continue to propel the Commonwealth forward, making education a priority for all and delivering on our promise as a

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