

COMMUNITY



March: The Nicholas County Ladyjackets, under 1st Year Head Coach Reesa Martin, defeated the Harrison County Fillies (58-39) on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at Robertson County, to become the 2025 Girls Basketball District Champions!!! The team started the 38th District Tournament out on a strong note on Monday, Feb. 24th, when they defeated Robertson County (79-28) in the 1st Round, at Robertson County. Harrison County also defeated Pendleton County (63-55) that same night.

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season, 8-6 in the region, and 4-2 in the district. The boys will take on Pendleton County in the first round of the 2025 38th District Boys Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 25th, in Harrison County.

The Nicholas County Ladyjackets, under Head Coach Reesa Martin, have ended the regular season at 17-12 for the season, 6-7 in the region, and 4-2 in the district. The girls defeated Roberson County (79-28) in the first round of the 2025 38th District Girls Basketball Tournament on Monday, Feb. 24th, and will take on Harrison County for the Championship on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at Robertson County.

March

Torilena May Fields, 32, charged with the murder of her mother Trudy Fields, made an appearance in Robertson County Circuit Court, before Circuit Court Judge Jay Delaney on Monday, March 10, 2025. Ms. Fields is currently lodged in the Bourbon County Detention Center and was escorted into the courtroom by law enforcement. Judge Delaney granted a motion, filed by Ms. Fields counsel, for an in-person competency evaluation, to be conducted by a psychiatrist. Ms. Fields counsel asked Judge Delaney that the evaluation records be kept confidential between the judge and both counsels. The Commonwealth Attorney agreed to the motion and said that he had filed another discovery motion last week.

Nicholas County students represented the county very well at the FBLA Region 5 Conference! Award Winners: Computer Applications - Jay Hughes; Spreadsheet Applications - Maggie Simons; Word Processing

- Wyatt Simons; American Enterprise Project - Luke Davis, Cash Linville, and Wyatt Simons; Community Service Project - Blake Adams, Jay Hughes, Maggie Simons; and MSU FBLA Scholarship Recipient- Jay Hughes. Nicholas County Schools are very proud of everyone who competed and placed in their events. Your commitment and effort continue to impress!

Members of the Carlisle City Council, along with Mayor Ronnie Clark and City Attorney Henry “Skip” Watson, met on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00pm, at City Hall, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The city council approved a resolution to move forward with the construction of a new “state of the art” water intake facility and raw water intake pump station. The council had approved a resolution back in September for a study on the current water plant and pump station, and the study results were that it would be cheaper to build a new plant and pump station, than having to buy water from other entities. The mayor said that the city could possibly get another 10 to 15 years with the system that is already in place. With the council voting to move forward with the construction of a new “state of the art” plant and pump station, the mayor reiterated that this would put the city onto a new plane, and that there would be plenty of room for growth and expansion in the future.

The Nicholas County Bluejackets, under Head Coach Spencer Morris, defeated the Augusta Panthers, 73-66, in the first round of the 2025 10th Region Boys Basketball Tournament, held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Montgomery County High School, in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. The Jackets District Championship win

against Harrison County was their first District Championship win in 25 years, while their win over Augusta was their first Region Tourney win in 33 years!!! With that win, the Jackets advanced to the semi-finals, where they lost to George Rogers Clark, 56-87, on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Jerry D. Watkins, 44, of Stevee Wariner Dr., Russell Springs, Ky., and Crystal Campos, 42, of Meyers Road, Carlisle, Ky., were both arrested on Friday, March 14, 2025, by Carlisle Police Officers James Copher, Jr. and Josh Mynear. Mr. Watkins and Ms. Campos were each charged with one count each of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 3rd of > Offense (Methamphetamine); and one count each of Drug Paraphernalia – Buy / Possess.

Members of the Nicholas County Fire Protection District Board, including Chief Doug French, met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Under old business, Chief French gave an update regarding Station 3, and that they were getting very close to opening the new station.

The Nicholas County Winterguard recently won 1st Place at Semi-Finals in their class, and 2nd Place for the entire division, held at GRC! The team advanced to the finals, which will take place at NKU (Northern Kentucky University)! The team also won 1st Place at Tates Creek earlier this month, as well. This is the first Winterguard group for Nicholas County since 2015!

Members of the Nicholas County Board of Education, including Superintendent Doug Bechanan, met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The board recognized and acknowledged “outstanding

Nicholas County High School Junior, Taylor Hutchinson. Taylor was selected to attend Congressman Andy Barr’s Youth Ambassador Leadership Conference for the second year in a row. The board then recognized and acknowledged Brooklyn Felts, who “provided an update on the recent Regional Competition at Morehead State University, highlighting the hard work and accomplishments of our students.”

Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, including Judge-Executive Steve Hamilton and County Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Friday, March 14, 2025, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, where they discussed Spring Cleanup, potholes, and more.

April

The Nicholas County High School Bluejackets baseball team, under Head Coach Josh Earlywine have started the season at 3-6, with wins against Robertson County, Newport, and Bourbon County.

The Nicholas County High School Ladyjackets, under Head Coach Adam Dunn, have started out the season on a bit of a downslope, with a record of 1-5, so far.

A huge congratulations goes out to the Nicholas County Winter Guard on being named Tristate Marching Arts Class Champions! Competing against outstanding groups from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, they gave a phenomenal performance at Truist Arena on the campus of Northern Kentucky University.

Nicholas County Schools is proud to recognize Maggie Simons for her incredible ac-

complishment of being named Second Team All-State by the Lexington Herald-Leader. Maggie’s hard work, leadership, and dedication on and off the court have earned her this well-deserved recognition among the top basketball players in the state. Her talent, sportsmanship, and commitment to excellence continue to make our school and community proud.

Nicholas County Schools proudly recognizes the students who were inducted into the National Honor Society during the ceremony held on April 3, 2025. These outstanding students have demonstrated a strong commitment to the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Their dedication to academic excellence and positive contributions to our school and community are truly commendable.

Christopher Layne Taulbee, 19, of Pleasant Springs Road, Carlisle, Ky., was arrested on Thursday, April 3, 2025, by Kentucky State Police, Post 06 Trooper C. Johnson, through the execution of a complaint warrant issued by Bourbon County District Court. Mr. Taulbee has been charged with two counts of murder. At the time of Mr. Taulbee’s arrest Trooper Johnson had no knowledge of the pending case. According to the complaint warrant, Kentucky State Police, Post 06 Trooper Matthew Purvis states that on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:31am, in Bourbon County, Ky., Mr. Taulbee unlawfully violated KRS 527.020, Murder (two counts), when with the intent to cause the death of Dixieana Brainard, 20, Mr. Taulbee shot her in

the forehead, resulting in her death. Ms. Brainard and Mr. Taulbee have a child in common. Additionally, with the intent to cause the death of an unknown male victim, Mr. Taulbee stabbed the unknown male victim in the throat and subsequently struck him with a baseball bat, resulting in his death.

Joshua E. Overstreet, 36, of East Union Road, Carlisle, Ky., was arrested on Sunday, April 6, 2025, by Nicholas County Sheriff Jeff Sidles, and has been charged with one count of Criminal Mischief – 2nd

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April: Children and adults of all ages gathered on Saturday morning, April 12, 2025, at 10:30am to register for the annual easter egg hunt, held on the courthouse yard in Carlisle, Ky. There was a total of four ages groups, ages 1-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-10. Sections of the courthouse yard were for each separate age group. Nicholas County Sheriff Jeff Sidles blew the air horn in his truck to get the hunt started, and after it was over he drew the lucky names of the boys and girls from each separate age group that won easter baskets.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET
Ordinance No. 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE 2025-2, WHICH SECTION ADDRESSES APPEALS TO DETERMINATIONS OF ABANDONED URBAN PROPERTY

Summary

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6 OF THE CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET VACANT PROPERTY COMMISSION AND ABANDONED URBAN PROPERTY TAX ORDINANCE 2025-2 SETTING FORTH APPEALS PROCEDURE AND NOW ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL APPEALS BOARD OF THE CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET AS THE BOARD TO HEAR APPEALS FROM A DETERMINATION OF REAL PROPERTY AS BEING ABANDONED URBAN PROPERTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET, KENTUCKY, THAT SECTION 6 OF CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET ORDINANCE 2025-2 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

6. APPEAL

No later than February 1 of each year the Vacant Property Review Commission, with the assistance of the City Clerk, shall mail, by first class mail to owners of each abandoned urban property, as those names are listed in the City records, a notice that this property has been classified as abandoned urban property. The owner of any abandoned urban property who believes that his, her or its vacant property has been incorrectly classified may appeal such classification to the [Vacant Property Review Commission] Municipal Appeals Board of the City of Mount Olivet. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall be made no later than March 1 of that year and shall be made and heard as otherwise provided by the Municipal Appeals Board Ordinance of the City of Mount Olivet. The [Vacant Property Review Commission] Municipal Appeals Board of the City of Mount Olivet shall afford the owner the opportunity for a public hearing. If the [Commission] Municipal Appeals Board of the City of Mount Olivet finds that the property is incorrectly classified as abandoned urban property, it shall cause the property to be removed from the list of property so classified. [The Vacant Property Review Commission shall develop policies and procedures for conducting such appeals.]

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Mount Olivet, on the date indicated below.

Jenny Whalen, Mayor

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