

COMMUNITY



October: Everyone commented that Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, despite being a rainy day, was also a great day for Nicholas County, and a long time coming, as Willowbrook Healthcare celebrated their open house and ribbon cutting. A large crowd of people, including Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman; Senior Advisor to Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, Rocky Adkins; Representative Matt Koch; Nicholas County Judge-Executive Steve Hamilton; Nicholas County Attorney Dawn Letcher; and past and present members of the Nicholas county Fiscal Court gathered inside the lobby at Willowbrook Healthcare to mingle with one another until the presentation began, welcomed by Willowbrook Healthcare co-owner, Molly Frances.

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Paris Greyhounds. The 46-12 loss for the Jack-ets comes after a 7-game winning streak, defeating Pendleton County, Bellevue, Lewis County, Berea (by forfeit), Bishop Brossart, Carroll County, and Fairview.

Congrats to the Nicholas County Middle School Ladyjackets basketball team on winning the 7th grade Middle School Girls State Championship on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025. Congrats also goes out to Ladyjacket Zoe Brown, who was named the 2025 7th grade Most Outstanding Player of the State Championship!! This is the Ladyjackets second consecutive championship as they had previously won the 6th grade State Championship last year. The girls were honored with a parade through town when they arrived back to Carlisle later that evening.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce honored the recently closed Kentucky Doll & Toy Museum on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 18, 2025. The chamber thanked special guests Jan and Ed Taylor and Rhonda Weinstein for their 17 years of service and dedication to the residents and visitors to both Carlisle and Nicholas County.

The Nicholas County High School Marching Band, under Band Director Dallas Hunt, has advanced to the State Semi-Finals, to be held in Bowling Green, Ky.!!!!

The Nicholas County Middle School Bluejackets football team, under Head Coach Sam Reid, traveled to Fleming County High School on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, to take on the Simons Middle School Cougars. The Jackets ended up getting the win over the Cougars, 34-14.

A hit & run occurred on Sunday evening, Oct. 19, 2025, at approximately 10:30pm, on Concrete Road, involving a truck and horse and buggy. Three people occupying the horse and buggy were injured, with one being airlifted and in critical condition, while the other two individuals were transferred by Nicholas County EMS to Bourbon Community Hospital. The truck that was involved in the hit and run was found later after the hit & run, but the driver has not been identified, as of yet. Further investigation regarding the hit and run is currently ongoing.

Nicholas County Ladyjackets – 2025 38th District Volleyball Champions!!! The Nicholas County Ladyjackets, under Coaches Kim Denkins

and Penny Bretz won the 2025 38th District Volleyball Tournament, for the very first time in program history, on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, as they took down the Harrison County Fillies, 3-2.

The Nicholas County High School Bluejackets, under Head Coach Simon Clouse, hosted the Race-land Rams, on Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, and lost 51-14, to an incredibly tough team. This loss marks the 2nd in a row for the Jack-ets, following a string of 7 straight wins in a row. The NCHS Senior Honor Guard, Band, Athletic Trainers, Cheerleaders, and Football players were honored before the game.

Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, along with Judge-Executive Steve Hamilton and County Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, at 3:30pm, at the Nicholas County Courthouse, for a special-called meeting, where they discussed the nursing home and EMS.

November

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade NCMS Bluejackets basketball teams hosted the Bourbon County Colonels on Monday evening, Nov. 3, 2025. The 6th



November: Six Nicholas County High School Bluejackets football players were honored for their “hard work, leadership, and dedication” throughout the 2025 football season, during the annual EKC Banquet, held at Carter Caves, on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025. Congratulations to Wyatt Simons, who was named Offensive Player of the Year, and Preston Blake, who was named Defensive Lineman of the Year! Joining them on the 1st Team - - All EKC were Luke Davis, Chandler Kenney, Case Reid and Jayden Watkins.

grade team lost 44-11. The 7th grade Jackets lost 38-35. The 8th grade Jackets won 49-39.

The NCHS Bluejackets, under Head Coach Simon Clouse, traveled to Bath County on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, defeating the Wildcats, 52-30. The Jackets end their regular season at 8-2, class at 4-2, and district at 1-2.

The NCMS Bluejackets football team, under Head Coach Sam Reid, took on the West Carter Comets on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, at Morehead State University, for the 2025 EKC Championship, unfortunately falling to Comets, 14-12. From the Hype Sports Media Facebook page, “The 8th grade EKC Championship game was not one you wanted to miss and had to stay for the whole game.”

Congratulations to the 7th grade Nicholas County Bluejackets on defeating the Generals, 47-43, and being named the 7th grade Jacket Jam Champions, during this past weekend’s 2nd Annual Jacket Jam 6th, 7th, and 8th grade tournament, held at NCMHS.

The NCHS cheerleaders have QUALIFIED FOR STATE!!! These ladies placed 3rd in Region 5 (region 9 and 10 com-

bined)! They put on an amazing performance on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at the 2025 KHSAA Cheerleading and Dance Regional!

Congrats to the Nicholas County Band on being named a MSBA Championship Finalist, and placing 9th, at the MSBA Class A Championships, held at Simon Kenton High School, over the weekend.

Torilena Fields, 36, who has been accused of the killing and gruesome dismemberment of her mother, Trudy Fields, in October 2024 in Robertson County, Ky., has been found competent to stand trial in a ruling by a Robertson County Judge during her most recent court appearance in Robertson County Circuit Court on Friday morning, Nov. 14, 2025.

The Nicholas County High School Bluejackets football team, under Head Coach Simon Clouse, traveled to Race-land to take on the Rams in the 2nd Round of the 2025 Class 1A 2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine State Football Finals on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, eventually losing to the Rams, 49-22. The Jackets made it to the 2nd round after defeat-

ing Eminence, 26-0, the previous Friday, Nov. 7th. The Bluejackets end the 2025 season at 9-3.

A fatal collision, which claimed the life of a Fleming County woman, occurred on Thursday evening, Nov. 18, 2025, on US Highway 68, in Nicholas County, Ky. A later press release from Nicholas County Coroner Emily P. Gaunce named Fleming County resident Christina D. Doyle as the deceased.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court would like to let all the county residents know that the main floor of the Nicholas County Courthouse is still stocked with all kinds of groceries, thanks to the generous donations of so many supporters, which include local churches and county residents.

Christopher S. Elling-

ton, 51, of Dorsey Avenue, Carlisle, Ky., was arrested on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Barry Sparks, and has been charged with one count of Fleeing or Evading Police, 1st Degree (Motor Vehicle) and one count of Operating on a Suspended or Revoked Operator’s License.

Nicholas County Schools are so proud to share that Kylie Earlywine has been selected 2nd Team All-Region by the 10th Region Volleyball Coaches Association! Her hard work, dedication, and competitive spirit shine every time she steps on the court. This honor is a true reflection of her talent and

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Nicholas County Fiscal Court advises the public, employees, and job applicants thta it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission or access to. or treatment or employment in its program activities.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court has designated the following person as the contact to coordinante efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be directed to:

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### Request for Proposals

#### Nicholas Co. Board of Education Certified Athletic Trainer Services

The Nicholas County Board of Education is now accepting proposals from qualified entities to provide Certified Athletic Trainer services for Nicholas County High School (NCHS). Proposals will be accepted for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 by and through the Nicholas County Board of Education, to include Certified Athletic Trainer services for NCHS, who will provide coverage per specifications listed in the Request for Proposals (RFP) document, made available by and through Nicholas County Board of Education. Contact Finance Director, Tyler Duncan, at the Nicholas County Board of Education Office at 395 W. Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311, (859) 289-3770, for the Request for Proposals (RFP) document with complete specifications. Proposal deadline is Friday, February 13, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. EST. Proposals will be opened and reviewed on Friday, February 13, 2026, after the deadline, and will be presented to the Nicholas Co. Board of Education at the school board meeting on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The Nicholas County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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