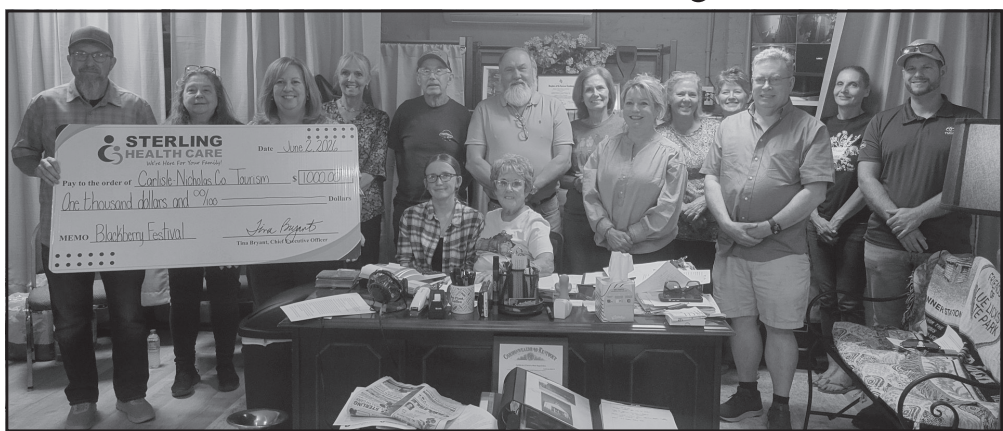


COMMUNITY

Carlisle – Nicholas Co. Tourism talk Blackberry Festival and much more at June meeting

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Carlisle – Nicholas County Tourism accepts \$1,000 Blackberry Sponsorship from Sterling Healthcare (in no particular order: Becky Reid, Paula Hunter, Melanie Turner, Nancy Baker, Pam Randolph, Gladys ShROUT, Jerry Johnson, Julie Wendt, Letha Orme, Justin Griggs, Matt Hall, Eugene Hall, Bill Harney, Riley Hall, Sandy Watkins, and Pam Shepherd)

the members approved to get a debit card, with two members to sign off on use of the card; approved the budget, which will be filed by June; discussed county wide fire gates, which would be a project that could take a few years and be done in phases; discussed purchasing conference video equipment; talked about the possibility of staging a mock drill at Willowbrook Healthcare; and discussed the need for a generator at Nicholas County Schools, to be used in the case of an emergency.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on August 3, 2026.

Members of Carlisle – Nicholas Co. Tourism met on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the Nicholas County Jail, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Gladys ShROUT called the meeting to order with approval of the minutes from last month's meeting; and welcomed the special guests, representatives from Sterling Healthcare – Mt. Sterling, which presented the group with a \$1,000.00 Blackberry Festival sponsorship donation.

Under Old Business, the group discussed the upcoming Bicycle Race, which will be held this coming Saturday, June 13, 2026, in Carlisle; discussed the time capsule, and the upcoming Blackberry Festival.

The festival, which is coming up in a few weeks, held in downtown Carlisle, will feature will feature special events through every night of the festival, including an 80's night, and much, much more. The price of the armbands for the carnival rides will be \$20, which unfortunately has

increased from last year due to the rising cost of diesel fuel.

This year, which marks the 80th year of the festival, which coincides with the 250th anniversary of the United States, will feature previous Blackberry Festival Queens. The queens will gather at a reception at Dick's On Main before the parade, and will be escorted to the stage, following the parade, by veterans. There will be 80 chairs on the stage for all the previous Queens, and pink carnations laid on the chairs representing the Queens that have passed on.

The group also dis-

cussed the forthcoming Hope, and Compassion" concert, which will be performed by the Paris & Bourbon Community Choir, held on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 3:00pm, at the First Presbyterian Church in Millersburg, Ky.

Before adjournment, the group approved to pay for a Blackberry Festival advertisement in the Bourbon Citizen; approved the Treasurer's Report; accepted a 14x26 ft. stage, which will be delivered; and thanked everyone for all the donations and sponsorships for the upcoming Blackberry Festival.

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Nicholas County DES/LEPC discuss various subjects during May meeting

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The Nicholas County DES/LEPC (Disaster Emergency Services / Local Emergency Planning Commission) held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00pm, at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Nicholas County Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Doug French called the meeting to order with approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on Dec. 1, 2025; and approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Under New Business,

Robertson County Court News

DISTRICT
Hon. Gregory
Coulson
6/3/2026

Frederick, Ashley Nicole, PTC. 1-1. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Rev 12/2 @ 9:00.

Henderson, Tara B, PTC. 1. Assault 4th de-

gree domestic violence minor injury. Rev 12/2 @ 9:00.

Myers, Joe A, PTC. 1. Oper mv u/infl alc .08-1st (agg cir). 7/8 @ 9:00.

Sweeney, Meshelle Nicole, REV. SC/Mail 7/1 @ 9:00.

IN RE: Schalch, Lucressie, REP-Ann. Rev 7/1 @ 9:00.

Nicholas County 4-H Shooting Sports does well in Bourbon County

From the Nicholas County 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page...

"It was a beautiful day to be in Bourbon County! Our Nicholas County Shooting Sports team was well represented in Archery, Trap, and Black Powder.

Archery Awards • Milo Dombroski – Barebow (15–18 years): 2nd Place • Brantley Sadler – Target Compound (9–11 years): 3rd Place • Brayden Wade – Recurve (12–14 years): 2nd Place • Milo Dombroski – Recurve (15–18 years): 2nd Place

Archery also got team first place age 12-14 -

Jansen Garland, Gabe Sadler, Brayden Wade, and Will McNabb.

Trap Awards • Haileigh Mitchell (9–11 years): 2nd Place

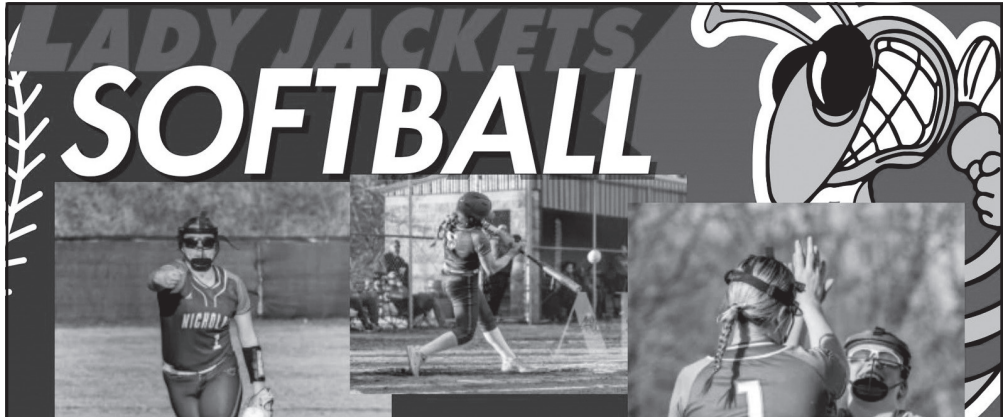
We also had a shooter competing in Black Powder for the very first time. While we didn't bring home an award in that discipline, we're incredibly proud of the willingness to step outside of a comfort zone and try something new.

A special thank you to everyone at the Black Powder range who took the time to help, encourage, and support our shooter throughout the day. Your patience,

knowledge, and kindness made a lasting impression and helped create a great first experience.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Bourbon County for hosting such a wonderful event. The hospitality shown to our team and families was greatly appreciated, and we're grateful for all the hard work that goes into making these competitions a success.

Congratulations to all of our shooters! We are proud of the way you represented Nicholas County both on and off the range."



Nicholas County Lady Jackets softball players Sidney Sexton (8th Grade) and Ady Dunn (7th Grade) have been selected to represent Nicholas County in the 2026 10th Region Softball All-Star Game. Sexton has been one of the region's most productive hitters this season, ranking among the 10th Region leaders with 33 RBI's and 4 triples, helping lead the Lady Jackets throughout the year. Her offensive consistency and ability to drive in runs earned her recognition among the region's top players. (10thregion.com) Dunn, despite being just a seventh grader, made an immediate impact for Nicholas County this season. Her strong play, versatility, and maturity beyond her years helped establish her as one of the area's rising young talents and earned her a spot among the region's best. The two Lady Jackets will showcase their talents alongside the top players from across the 10th Region in the 2026 10th Region Softball All-Star Game, which will be played on Tuesday, June 16, at 6:00pm on the softball field at George Rogers Clark High School. Nicholas County is proud to have these outstanding student-athletes represent the Lady Jackets program and community on one of the region's biggest stages.

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