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Wyatt Simons represents Kentucky at FBLA National Conference



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Wyatt Simons represented Kentucky during the Parade of State and Territories at the Opening Ceremony of the FBLA National Conference in San Antonio, TX. Wyatt was selected as the “Who’s Who in Kentucky” winner which is given to the top senior in the state! Congratulations Wyatt and thanks for representing KY and Nicholas County!

City Council approves resolution regarding waterline project

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Members of the Carlisle City Council, including Mayor Ronnie Clark and City Attorney Henry “Skip” Watson, met on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00pm, at City Hall, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast live on the Carlisle Mercury Facebook page.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order with a Moment of Silence and roll call with all council members present.

Under New Business, the council approved the minutes of the June regular city council meeting

and special-called meeting; approved the payroll transfers; approved the July bills; and approved a resolution accepting the professional service agreement with Bluegrass ADD for \$1.4 million dollars for the city waterline project. Mayor Clark said the city would have \$2 million dollars for the project when it is ready to bid out.

The mayor talked about the ongoing construction of the Carlisle Fire Department building; talked about the recent Blackberry Festival which was very well

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Nicholas County 4-H Archers earn multiple top finishes

Photo courtesy of Nicholas County 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page

Nicholas County 4-H Shooting Sports congratulates the following three individuals.

9-11: Hunter Jenkins – Bowhunter, 2nd place; Target Compound, 1st place; and Bare Recurve, 1st place.
12-14: Cameron Cohorn – Bowhunter, 3rd place.
15-18: Samuel Jenkins – Bowhunter, 1st place; and Target Compound, 1st place.

Fiscal Court approves blacktopping bid for various county roads during July meeting

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, including Judge-Exec. Steve Hamilton and County Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 9:00am, at the Nicholas County Courthouse, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast live on the Carlisle Mercury Facebook page.

Judge-Exec. Hamilton called the meeting to order with a prayer, the

Pledge of Allegiance, roll call with all magistrates present, approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held in June, acknowledgment that the monthly departmental reports had been received, acknowledged special guest Craig McNeil, and approval of the monthly bills.

The court approved a \$3,000.00 spay and neuter grant from PAWS (Paris Animal Welfare Society) which will match with an

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Heather Anderson sworn in as District 3 School Board Member



Photo courtesy of Nicholas County Schools – Carlisle, Ky. Facebook page

On Thursday, July 9, 2026, County Attorney Dawn Letcher swore in Heather Anderson as Nicholas Co. School Board Member in District #3, to fill the vacant seat left by Shawna Hatton.

Fiscal Court votes to uphold solar ordinance

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During the recent Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, held on Friday, July 10, 2026, the court voted unanimously to uphold their current solar ordinance and reject a text amendment to the ordinance proposed by Heelstone Renewable Energy for their anticipated solar project.

Heelstone initially requested to be placed on the July agenda, but then asked to be removed, for the court to review information provided before making their final decision regarding the text amendment to the current ordinance.

The ordinance currently in place by the fiscal court

does not ban solar projects all together, but places setback restrictions, which the court said they will adhere to, to protect adjacent property owners.

The court also approved a one-year moratorium on data centers and windmills in Nicholas County, as well. A moratorium is a temporary prohibition of an activity. This moratorium will give the fiscal court time for further discussion and to write up

subsequent ordinances regarding data centers and windmills in the county.



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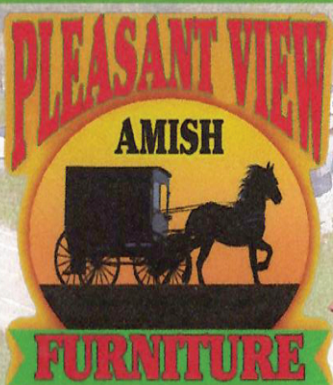


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