

COMMUNITY

Nicholas County School Board celebrates achievement, service and character



School Board Member Heather Anderson, along with Superintendent Dr. John Derek Faulconer honored 6th grader Cameron Cohorn at Monday nights School Board meeting for his outstanding achievement at the Kentucky 4H State Archery Competition



Superintendent Dr. Faulconer and Transportation Director, Dennis Jackson honored Tanner Morgan, Kaden Leggett, and Jayden Watkins at Monday nights meeting. They worked with the Nicholas County Board of Education Maintenance Department. They spent their summer helping take care of the schools and school grounds.



School Board Members along with Superintendent Dr. Faulconer recognized the amazing cafeteria staff for their dedication and commitment to serving the students of Nicholas County and the community throughout summer break.

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The Nicholas County School Board recognized some very special individuals during the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting held on Monday, Aug. 17, 2026.

The board recognized Cameron Cohorn, a 6th grade student at Nicholas County Elementary School, for his outstanding achievement at the Kentucky 4-H State Archery Competition. Cameron is the son of Matt and Shannon Cohorn.

"Cameron is no stranger to the competition – this marked his 3rd year competing at the state level! This year, Cameron earned an impressive 3rd place finish in the 12-14-year-old division in the Bowhunter category. Cameron's talents don't stop with archery. He also competes in trap shoot-

ing, continuing to develop his skills, discipline, focus, and sportsmanship. The board is extremely proud to have Cameron representing NCES and Nicholas County at the state level and congratulates him on this outstanding accomplishment! We all look forward to seeing where Cameron's talents take him too next. Way to represent the Bluejackets!"

The board recognized and sincerely thanked the cafeteria staff for their incredible dedication and commitment to serving Nicholas County students and the community throughout the summer.

"While many people think of summer as a time when school slows down, the cafeteria staff continued to show up each day with care, compassion, and a willingness to serve. They worked hard to ensure that Nicholas County students had access to nutritious, well-balanced meals all summer long. This summer, the cafeteria team

served an incredible 59,528 meals to students in the community. That number represents so much more than meals – it represents 59,528 opportunities to nourish, support, and care for the children Nicholas County Schools serves.

The board is incredibly grateful for their willingness to give their time and energy to the community, their commitment to providing nutritious meals, and the pride they take in serving the students of Nicholas County. Thank you to the cafeteria staff for being dependable, caring, and dedicated. Your work truly makes a difference, and the board is proud to recognize and celebrate you!"

The board also recognized Tanner Morgan, Kaden Leggett, and Jayden Watkins, who worked with the Nicholas County Board of Education Maintenance Department. They spent their summer helping take care

of the schools and school grounds – doing the work that sometimes doesn't get noticed, but is absolutely essential to keeping the district looking its best and ready for Nicholas County students.

"But their recognition goes beyond the work they completed. These three young men were kind, courteous, respectful, dependable, and willing to work. They showed up, they worked hard, and they represented themselves, their families, and Nicholas County Schools extremely well."

Supt. Faulconer remarked, "As a Superintendent, one of the things I want us to do more often is recognize our students not only for what they accomplish in the classroom, but for the character they demonstrate. Tanner, Kaden, and Jayden demonstrated exactly what we talk about when we talk about being a Portrait of a Learner. They showed responsibility. They showed collaboration. They showed perseverance. And most importantly, they showed character. I am proud of each of them, and I want their families to know that we appreciate the young men they are becoming."

On behalf of the Nicholas County Board of Education and Nicholas County Schools, Thank you Tanner, Kaden, and Jayden. "Thank you for your hard work this summer, thank you for taking pride in our schools, and thank you for representing Nicholas County Schools so well."

Storm Shelter, Emergency Preparedness Highlight DES/LEPC Meeting

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The Nicholas County DES/LEPC (Disaster Emergency Services / Local Emergency Planning Commission) held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Aug. 17, 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 held meeting; and approval of the

Treasurer's Report.

Under Old Business, the members discussed fire gates but doesn't know of any grants available to offset the approximate cost, that ranges from approximately \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00. But they said that fire gates would most definitely be a huge assist to the fire department and ambulance service.

The members also discussed, and subsequently tabled to a later date, the possible purchase of another generator for Nicholas County Schools, which would be a big assist for the school, and

that they would look into the price.

Discussion was also held regarding a debit card for the DES/LEPC, which would allow for purchases; and members discussed the possible purchase of an OWL Sys-

tem, at an approximate cost of \$1,000.00, which "is a 360-degree smart video conferencing solution designed to make hybrid meetings immersive, interactive, and easy to manage."

Under New Business,

members discussed storm preparedness and storm cleanup from the most recent storms that blanketed Nicholas County last week. They also discussed the ongoing construction of a storm shelter in the

county, that has been in the works for 7 years and should be completed in around 6 to 8 weeks.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on Nov. 2, 2026.

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financing regarding the annexation of the Scott Finnegan property on Paris Lane.

Under Old Business, the council approved the 2nd reading of the motor vehicles and watercraft

tax rate at .42cents per \$100 of assessed value; approved the 2nd reading of the personal property tax rate at .42cents per \$100 of assessed value; and approved the 2nd reading of the real estate tax rate at .245cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

Clifford
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limit," according to Clifford's arrest citation.

The vehicle had previously been stopped in Carlisle several hours prior to the accident and a Carlisle Police Officer

issued a verbal warning to the driver, Mr. Clifford, regarding a complaint of reckless driving and improper equipment, according to then Carlisle Chief of Police, William Denton.

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