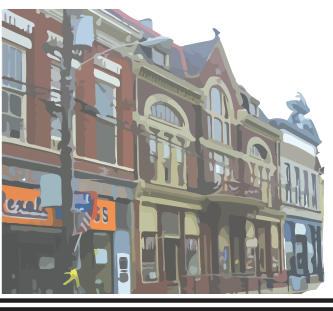
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Congratulations to our Nicholas County Bluejackets on their All-EKC Honors!



Jayden Watkins, Senior, RB/LB – EKC Offensive Player of the Year. Jayden currently leads the state in rushing with 1,880 yards while also leading the Bluejackets in tackles! An incredible season on both sides of the ball and a well-deserved honor!



Bentley Crump, Junior, WR/S – EKC Comeback Player of the Year. After suffering a broken wrist that required surgery last year and making his way back onto the field, he then tore his MCL. However, Bentley has made an incredible comeback! He currently leads the state in interceptions and has 577 receiving yards, the most by a Bluejacket in 15+ years!



Cash Linville, Senior, OL/DL – EKC Wes Hopkins Courage Award. Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes during the spring of 2025, Cash has shown tremendous grit and determination. He leads the Bluejackets in sacks and tackles for loss this season! What better time to celebrate this honor than during November, National Diabetes Awareness Month!



Joining Jayden, Bentley, and Cash on the EKC first team are: First Team All-EKC - Frankie Avalos, Sophomore, DL/OL, Maddox Reid, Sophomore, DL/OL, Jayden Robinson, Senior, LB/WR, and Ty Simons, Freshman, QB/DB. Second Team – Landon Cox, Jack Jeter, Tanner Morgan and Jacob Saucedo. Honorable Mention – Easton Adams and Bradley Watkins.

Nicholas County Schools release statement regarding school bus transportation

"On behalf of Nicholas County Schools, we want to sincerely apologize for the inconveniences and frustrations caused by delays in our bus transportation. We understand that when a bus runs late in the morning or afternoon, it can disrupt family routines, require parents and guardians to adjust their schedules, and create additional challenges at home. We recognize these frustrations, and we are truly sorry for the inconvenience.

At Nicholas County Schools, the safety of our students is, and always will be, our first priority. We take great pride in ensuring that every student is transported to and from school safely. While we understand the importance of getting students to their destinations on time, we will never compromise student safety in the process.

We do our very best to

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City Council hears concerns regarding Green Valley school bus pick-up / drop-off

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Members of the Carlisle City Council, along with Mayor Ronnie Clark and City Attorney Henry "Skip" Watson, met on Monday, Nov. 8, 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, sans one.

Under New Business, the council approved the minutes from the October special-called council meeting, approved the payroll transfers, and approved the November bills.

Concerned Carlisle residents Darrell and Raysha Gray spoke to Mayor Clark and the Council regarding the closing of a section of Green Valley Road, which has been blocked by barriers, and Nicholas County Schools pick-up and drop-off of students at the intersection of the closed section of Green Valley Road, 2nd Street, and Sharon Way.

The concerned residents spoke of the noise and children hanging on her fence while waiting for the school bus to arrive. She asked if the barriers could be removed and could be replaced with speed bumps to open the roadway back up.

Mayor Clark told the residents that he had spoken with Nicholas County Schools about the safety hazards regarding the school buses turning off Green Valley and onto Broadway, and agreed that it was a safety hazard, hence the closing of the section of Green Valley Road. He also reiterated that the barriers would remain and the school would continue their pick-up and drop-off at the current location.

Mayor Clark talked about Fall-Clean Up, which is scheduled for Nov. 16-20, 2026, but reminded residents that a dumpster was located at the city barn for residents to use but stipulated that there was to be no construction debris, tires, or batteries were not to be disposed of in the dumpster. He did say that arrangements could be made for the city to pick up large items, but the resident would need to call the city office for proper arrangements.

Mayor Clark spoke of a recent water leak on Concrete Road near Sterling Health; discussed the possibility of using the City Fund for sidewalk repairs, if the resident or business owner contacted the city office; said that he has received no word on the old Save-A-Lot building, and that its location in the flood zone and that any owner would have to purchase flood insurance, was a deterrent in the

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