COMMUNITY

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Just one week later, on October 31, our band proudly represented Nicholas County Schools at the KMEA Class A State Semifinals at Campbellsville University, finishing 10th among the 12 semifinalist bands from across Kentucky.

To represent Nicholas County Schools on the state stage is something our entire community can celebrate. I am incredibly proud of these students for earning their place among Kentucky's outstanding marching band programs!

I also want to recognize and thank the Band Director, Assistant Director, the instructional staff, our dedicated band parents, and the many supporters who give so much of their time and energy to make this program successful. Behind every great student performance is a tremendous amount of preparation, sacrifice, encouragement, and leadership.

As superintendent, I could not be more proud of what these students have accomplished and, more importantly, how they represent our district. Our band is another shining example of the incredible opportunities available to students right here in Nicholas County.

I often say, "This does not happen everywhere." The commitment of our students, staff, families, and community is what makes Nicholas County Schools such a special place.

Congratulations to our Nicholas County High School Marching Band! Thank you for the music, the memories, and the pride you bring to our schools and community."

School Board discuss bus driver shortage, measles, and more at Nov. meeting

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The Nicholas County School Board, along with Superintendent Dr. John Derek Faulconer, held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 19, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the Central Board Office.

Board Chair Cheryl Rawlings called the meeting to order with a prayer; and roll call.

The board recognized the NCMHS Girls Basketball team and the NCMHS Band.

The board then heard from NCHS Softball Coach Adam Dunn regarding much needed improvements that are needed at the West End Park softball field and tennis courts, including new lighting, a new and improved press box, concerns with the backstop, and extended netting, as well.

Following the recognition, the board approved the consent agenda, which includes the meeting minutes, Treasurer's report and payment of bills, and the Superintendent's report of personnel actions, which include:

Employment: Loretta Craft-Food Service Asst. Sub & Instructional Asst. Sub, Thomas Guy-NC Bus Driver (SUB), Tatum Taylor-Substitute Teacher, Isaac Brockman-Sub Food Service Asst, Instruction Asst Sub, & Custodian Sub, Marcus Perkins-NC Bus Driver (TBD on part-time or full-time), David Stasa-NC Bus Driver (TBD on part-time or full-time), Brittney Martin-NC Bus Driver (TBD on part-time or full-time), Kelsey Treadway-NCES Instructional Asst., Mallory Gardner-NCES Instructional Asst., and Krissy Rhodes, Julie Banks, Mallory Harmon – NCMHS After School Tutors.

Resignation/Termination/Retirement: Kristen Trussell-Substitute Food Service Asst. & Instructional Asst. Sub

The board acknowledged receipts of the following generous donations: Nicholas County Fiscal Court (Mathers Fund)-$7,000 to NC FFA (28 students @ 250 each), Nicholas County Fiscal Court (Mathers Fund)-$639.20 to NC Golf (15 students), Jennifer Gilvin (Memory of Hunter Kiskaden)-$500 to Nicholas Co. Schools Special Ed Dept, Southern States Clark Co-op-$800to Nicholas County Boys Basketball, Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC-Donation of chairs to NCMHS, and FRYSC Donations (October-November): Hovermale-$500 Backpack food & Gen Assistance, ASAP Board-$500 Red Ribbon Week, ASAP Board-$500 Drug Free HOCO Dance, Kim Simons-Clothing for Center, Maddy Beaty-Clothing for Center. The Sterling Gypsy-Brand New shoes for Center, Anonymous-cans of soup for YSC families, Chad Ockerman-Guest Speaker during Red Ribbon Week, James and Hailey Linville-large bag of winter hats and gloves for students, Patty Hicks-4 pair shoes for students, and Period Y'all of Kentucky-feminine hygiene products for students at NCES.

The board approved the following Pay Applications, Direct Purchase Orders, and/or Invoices for the Nicholas County New Central Office Project and the Nicholas Co. High School Athletic Renovation Project, at the discretion of the Superintendent: Momentum Construction, LLC - $42,385.20, Walker Construction & Materials, LLC - $6,104,92, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC - $995.34, Hardymon Lumber Inc. - $29,999.98, Central Kentucky Truss, LLC - $13,900.00, and L.E. Gregg Associates - $262.00.

The board approved to adopt the KISTA participation resolution, approving to participate in KISTA to purchase a school bus in 2026-2027, at a cost of $168,281.00; approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kentucky Education Fund (KEF) as Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) with Nicholas County Schools; and approved the declaration of an emergency vacancy for the certified position of

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COUNTY REPORTS

Nicholas County Sheriff's Office Monthly Activity Report
October 2026

Paper Service

Civil Summons – 17	Court Notice – 8	Criminal Summons – 6
EPO – 0	Evictions – 2	Juvenile Summons – 5
Subpoenas – 2	Warrants/Arrests – 3	Other – 4

Total Paper Service – 47

Calls

Accidents – 9	Alarms – 2	Alcohol/Drug Activity – 1
Animal Complaints – 15	Assists – 5	Complaints/Questions – 36
Domestics – 3	Harassments/Terroristic Threats – 4	Juvenile – 0
Property Disputes/Exchange – 10	Special Detail – 4	Suspicious Activity/Person – 8
Theft/Incident – 0	Traffic Complaints/Stops – 28	Welfare Checks – 6

Other –5
Total Calls for Service – 136

Inmates
Transfers/Transports To & From Jail – 19
Days Trash Pickup – 2 Total Bags Collected – 96
Roads – East Headquarters Road, West Headquarters Road, Saltwell - Headquarters

Total Papers Served, Calls for Service, & Transports - 202

Nicholas County Ambulance Report

October '26 Run Report Summary

In October, a total of 134 EMS runs were conducted. The breakdown is as follows:

- 103 runs originated in Nicholas County
- 19 runs originated in Robertson County
- 1 run originated in Bourbon County
- 9 runs originated in Cynthiana
- 1 run originated in Scott County
- 1 run originated in Fleming

Administrative Updates:

We have training scheduled with Dr. Lubbers for November 5th and 10th.
Full-time EMTS-3
Full-time Advanced-4
Full-time Paramedics-5
Part-time EMTS-5
Part-time Advanced-3
Part-time Paramedics-3
Total-23

DOG & CAT MONTHLY REPORT

Worked cleaning and feeding at the shelters 66 ½ hours

Miles driven	2,254
Dog calls taken	61
Dogs picked up	8
Dogs picked up by owner	0
Dogs adopted	10
Puppies picked up	4
Puppies adopted	4
Cats calls	20
Cats dropped at shelter	9
Cats adopted	22
Kittens dropped at shelter	3
Kittens adopted	3
Dogs euthanized	0
Cats euthanized	0
Dog calls with no pick up (runs)	4
Cat calls with no pick up (runs)	0
Cats released	0
Trips to PAWS	10
Incidents of dog biting	0
Incidents of cat injuries	0
Gas used	83.80
Time on road	60 hours

Nicholas County Dog Warden
Willie G. Hogg

Charles' Tribute
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the Battle of Resaca. It was here that the members of the Confederate Kentucky Fourth Infantry would face the members of the Union Kentucky Fourth Infantry.

It was here, after the battle that one lone merchant picked up three bushel boxes full of bullets found along the battlefield, and it was held as truth that over 100,00 pounds of similar bullets had been collected by other local merchants.

Then came the bloody engagements of Dallas and Atlanta, and shortly afterwards Young had made an unbelievable stand with a small group of fellow Kentuckians at Utoy Creek.

Where only a handful of Orphans had slaughtered nearly 200 Yankees.

And finally, came Jonesboro.

And so Lt. Young marveled as he glanced once more to where the Union officer had fallen. It was a small knoll above the stone depot at a place called Jonesboro.

When the Union soldiers swept around the Confederate flank, the Kentucky Orphans drove forward and at the exact spot where Lt. Young had killed the Union officer, the violence of the battle reached its climax, and Lt. Young was shot while assisting one of his two dearest friends, Lt. Neal.

Young was carried from the battle and placed in a crude wooden ambulance next to his other dear friend Lt. Robert H. Lindsey, of Scott County.

Lindsey, like Neal, would die that night.

Lt. Young would live.

He would always believe he had been spared because of his daring sniper shot he had made at great risk to himself earlier in the engagement.

Young survived the war, though he could only walk with crutches for six months and walked with a decided limp for the rest of his long life.

He returned to Nicholas County.

He lead a full and prosperous life and nearly five full decades after the American Civil War ended, he would return to the battlefields of his youth and recall what he had witnessed.

But these are other stories, dear reader, and worthy of closer examination in the future, if the Good Lord is willing.

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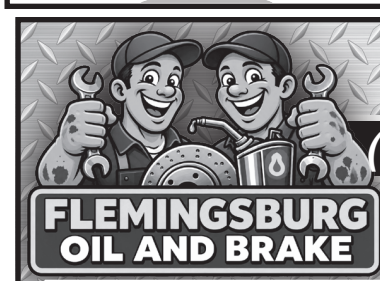
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