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Bluejackets win 1st region tourney game in 33 years

Jackets defeat Augusta in the 1st round, lose to GRC in 2nd round

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The Nicholas County Bluejackets, under Head Coach Spencer Morris, defeated the Augusta Panthers, 73-66, in the first round of the 2025 10th Region Boys Basketball Tournament, held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Montgomery County High School, in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

The Jackets District Championship win against Harrison County was their first District Championship win in 25 years, while their win over Augusta was their first Region Tourney win in 33 years!!!

With that win, the Jackets advanced to the semi-finals, where they lost to George Rogers Clark, 56-87, on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Leading the Jackets against the Augusta Panthers in the first round of the 10th Region Tourney was Peyton Hatton with 22 points and 4 rebounds, Maddox Donovan with 21 points and 8 rebounds, Braxton Martin with 15 points and 2 rebounds, Caiden Smith with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Preston Blake with 3 points and 4 rebounds. The Jackets struggled during the 1st quarter against the Panthers, and at one point were down by 20 points, but the boys never quit, and made history with their first region tourney win since 1992 and kept their season alive.

Leading the Jackets against the GRC Cardinals in the 2nd round of the 10th Region Tourney was Peyton Hatton with 15 points and 1 rebound, Caiden Smith with 14



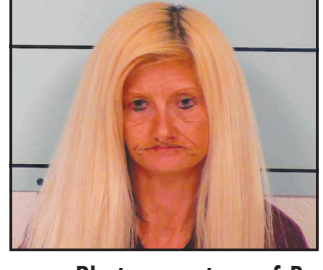
points and 11 rebounds, Maddox Donovan with 11 points and 4 rebounds, Preston Blake with 8 points and 7 rebounds, and Braxton Martin with 8 points and 1 rebound. Maddox Donovan and

Peyton Hatton were selected to the 10th Region All-Tournament Team!!!
(Jackets vs. Augusta photos courtesy of Tonia Witt Photo Facebook page)

Man and woman arrested for possession of methamphetamine

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Jerry D. Watkins, 44, of Stevee Wariner Dr., Russell Springs, Ky., and Crystal Campos, 42, of Myers Road, Carlisle, Ky., were both arrested on Friday, March 14, 2025, by Carlisle Police Officers James Copher, Jr. and Josh Mynear. Mr. Watkins and Ms. Campos



Photos courtesy of Bourbon County Detention Center
Crystal Campos

were each charged with one count each of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 3rd of > Offense (Methamphetamine); and one count each of Drug Paraphernalia – Buy / Possess.

According to the uniform citations for Mr. Watkins and Ms. Campos, Officer James Copher, Jr. received a call



Photos courtesy of Bourbon County Detention Center
Jerry D. Watkins

about a female going to a residence on Stoney Creek Road to buy drugs. Officer Copher, Jr. called Officer Mynear and they both went to the address to do a knock and talk with the owner of the

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Nicholas County Fire Protection District discusses Station 3 update

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Members of the Nicholas County Fire Protection District Board, including Chief Doug French, met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00pm, at the Nicholas County Fire Station, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order with roll call, with only one board member absent. The board

approved the minutes of last month's meeting, the Treasurer's report, and Chief's Report.

Chief French reports that the department had a total of 13 runs last month, including 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 weather related calls, 1 lift assist, 1 rescue, and 1 alarm drop. The chief said that it was a busy month, but that

there were no fires.

Under old business, Chief French gave an update regarding Station 3, and that they were getting very close to opening the new station. He also said that there had been

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