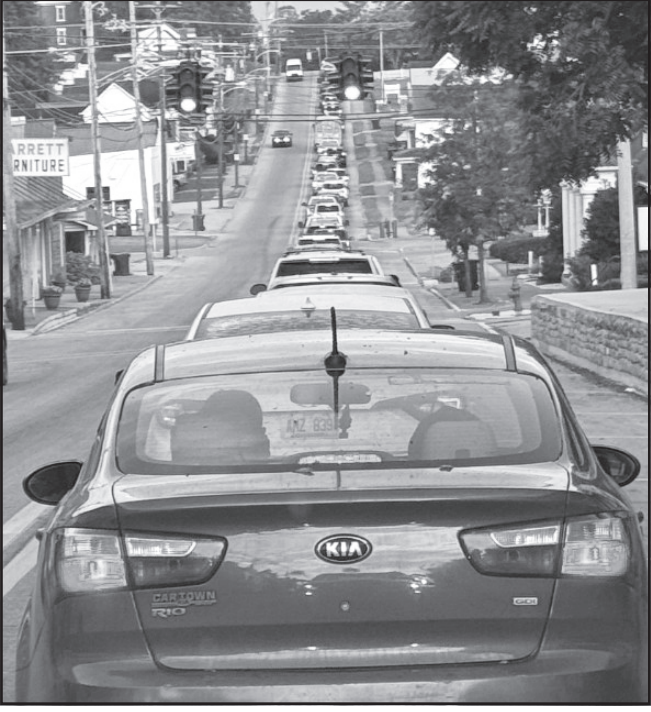


SCHOOL

Nicholas County Schools welcomes back students on 1st Day of School



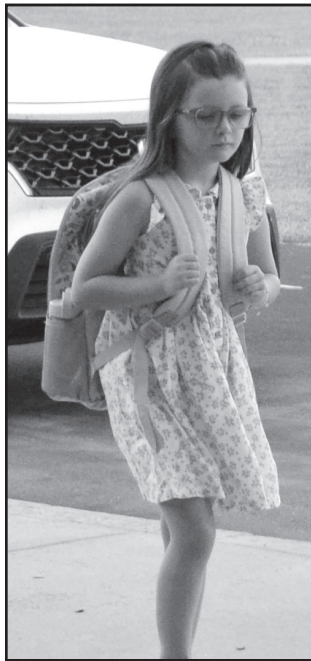
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NCES Principal Nikki Orazen and NCMHS Principal Stacey Allison, along with the staff from both schools, welcomed back students on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025, for the 1st Day of School for the 2025-2026 school year.

Almost all the little boys and girls at NCES arrived on their first day of school with bright, smiling faces, and ready and willing to start the day and new school year. The older students at NCMHS, on the other hand, weren't as enthused as the little ones, as the new school year began. The NCHS Class of 2026 Seniors did have their pictures taken later that day commemorating their "last first day."

The line of traffic for the first day of school was backed up through town that morning, but by 8:15am, all the students had been dropped off, and the school day was ready to begin.

Welcome back Nicholas County students and have a great 2025-2026 school year!!!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order of July 31, 2025, scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on September 8, 2025, at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at Jefferson Community & Technical College: Hovarth Auditorium, 1000 Community College Dr., Louisville, KY 40272 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company applications for adjustment of its electric and gas rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case Nos. 2025-00113 and 2025-00114.

ORDINANCE NO.
2025 TAX ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Levy for 2025 Property taxes in Nicholas County, Kentucky.
WHEREAS, the 2025 Nicholas County property assessment has been certified as follows:

Real Estate	\$325,244,278.00
Tangible Personal Property	\$45,202,576.00
Motor Vehicle	\$69,176,414.00
Watercraft	\$1,918,661.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Nicholas County, Kentucky:

SECTION ONE: There is levied for year 2025 the general ad valorem tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Special District or other fund as indicated.

		Tax Rate
(a)	General Fund	
	Real Estate	14.7
	Tangible Pers. Prop	15.2
	Motor Vehicle	15.8
	Watercraft	15.8
(b)	Fire District (county only)	10.
(c)	Library	
	Real Estate	9.5
	Tangible Pers. Prop	12.32
	Motor Vehicle	2.2
	Watercraft	2.2
(d)	Board of Health	
	Real Estate	5.
	Tangible Pers. Prop	5.
	Motor Vehicle	5.
	Watercraft	5.
(e)	Extension District Board	
	Real Estate	4.5
	Tangible Pers. Prop	5.81
	Motor Vehicle	5.
	Watercraft	5.
(f)	Soil Conservation District (Real Property Only)	
	Real Estate	1.5

The above figures do not include franchises.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be published in The Carlisle Mercury by title and summary within thirty (30) days after adoption.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

Given this the 15th day of August 2025:

ATTEST: Martha Moss
NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

STEVE HAMILTON
COUNTY JUDGE/EX

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FOR SALE

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For Sale:
Ovation Celebrity Guitar MODCC44 with built in tuner, like new strap and hard shell case \$275, Austin Electric Guitar \$75, Electric Peavy Backstage Lead Amp \$55, La-Z-Boy Lift Chair \$150, Mini Fridge \$25, Shop Vac \$5, Zero Gravity Chair \$200, Pressure Washer \$15, Coffee Table & End Table \$150 for both, Werner Ladder \$150, Davidson 16ft Ladder \$50, Werner 6ft ladder \$25, New Propane Heater with Gas \$80, Queen Headboard \$20, Ramps 500 load cap \$100, Longaberger Christmas Dishes Complete Set \$50, All prices negotiable. Call Willis Adkins. Home: 606-375-4392 Cell: 606-748-0283. 355 Clover Hill Rd., Ewing, KY 41039

Fair Housing Resolution #4

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF the City of Mount Olivet, KY that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing and in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin is prohibited by Title VII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of the City of Mount Olivet to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expanded coverage to include disabled persons and families with children and HUD 2012 regulations expanded coverage to sexual orientation or gender identity. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: (1) printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means that will bring attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing; and (3) prepare an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice and actions to mitigate such impediments.

EFFECTIVE DATE
This resolution shall take effect this 21st day of July, 2025.

ATTEST
Laura Fite
Jenny Whalen, Mayor

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Combined Notice
Notice to Public of No Significant Effect on the Environment
And Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds

Publication Date: August 20, 2025

Nicholas County Fiscal Court
125 E. Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about September 20, 2025, Nicholas County will request the Kentucky Department for Local Government to release Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Project Name: Nicholas County EMS Station CDBG
Project Purpose: The purpose of this Community Development Block Grant is to construct an 8,000 square foot EMS Station for Nicholas County Emergency Medical Services.

Location: (38.31599, -84.06008), CS-1053 Carlisle, KY 40311

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that the project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and, accordingly, Nicholas County is not required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL-91-190).

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by Berea which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal business hours. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Nicholas County to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at the address specified on or before September 4, 2025. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for the release of funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Nicholas County will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department for Local Government (DLG) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Nicholas County is certifying to the state that the Nicholas County Fiscal Court and Steve Hamilton, in his official capacity as Judge/Executive, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Nicholas County may use the Community Development Block Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The state will accept an objection to its release of funds and the Nicholas County certification period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission dates or its actual receipt for the request (whichever is later) only if they are one of the following bases:

- The certification was not in fact executed by the county Certifying Officer.
- The county has filed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
- The county has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
- No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
- The recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR part58 before the approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
- Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFG Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Kentucky Department for Local Government, Division of Community Programs, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after September 20, 2025, will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

Steve Hamilton
Judge/Executive
125 E. Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

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