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rollment slots. Our rural communities have the least access to services, and our urban communities cannot keep up with the demand of child care services. Additionally, the current cost of child care represents a significant barrier to many Kentucky families.

Last year, the Chamber organized the Kentucky Collaborative on Child Care, which brought together 40 community and business leaders from across the state to discuss the child care sector. This resulted in 37 recommendations for legislator, community, and business action published in report in May 2025. Some of the recommendations they presented to the committee were as follows:

Support and Promote Quality - The collaborative recommends reforming the current KY All STARS ranking system to better focus on emphasizing outcomes like kindergarten-readiness.

Streamline Regulations - The collaborative recommended a safety-focused approach to streamlining child care regulations and allowing micro-centers to provide innovative solutions. Neighboring Tennessee permits businesses to open such centers for employees' children.

Support Working Families - The collaborative recommends maintaining the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to help low-income families afford care. They also suggest improving the Employer Child Care Assistance Program

(ECCAP) by promoting public-private partnerships, implementing employer-friendly reforms, and allowing public employers to participate.

Strengthen the Child Care Workforce - The state funds programs for child care workers such as categorical eligibility for CCAP and the Early Childhood Development Scholarship. The collaborative recommends continuing to support these programs.

Improve Child Care Data - This includes recommendations to implement an improved child care supply and demand dashboard and to make public spending on child care more transparent by establishing an annual report through the state budget director's office.

Encourage Community Engagement - In 2024, the General Assembly passed HB 561, creating certified child care community designations to foster collaboration among local governments, development districts, and business leaders. The collaborative recommended expanding and fully implementing this initiative statewide.

Encourage Employer Engagement - The collaborative recommended creating a framework for economic development incentives for employers to increase the supply of child care and capacity building in their communities.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Matthew.Koch@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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GRACE TRANSFORMATION & RENEWAL

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Celebrate Recovery

Opening Night Sept 4th. Childcare available

Ribbon cutting 5:30 PM

Free dinner 6 pm - CR Large group 7 PM

Owingsville Christian Church at 11 E. Main St Owingsville KY

DON'T MISS IT!

YARD SALE

Little Rock Christian Church

3207 Caneridge Rd.

Fri Sept. 5th & Sat Sept. 6th

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Rain or Shine

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Sandye Watkins

NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all creditors pursuant to KRS 424.340 that the Nicholas District Court has appointed personnel representatives as follows:

Decedent/Ward: Glenn Smith

Address: 4088 Moorefield Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311

Fiduciary: Anthony Smith

Address: 369 W. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311

Title: Administrator

Attorney:Dawn C. Letcher

Address:125 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311

Date: 08/06/25

Decedent/Ward: Vickie Watts

Address: 1199 Walnut Grove Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311

Fiduciary: James M. Clough

Address: PO Box 495, Lexington, KY 40588

Title: Executor

Attorney:Kenneth Baker

Address:101 W. Chestnut St., Carlisle, KY 40311

Date: 08/13/25

Decedent/Ward: Aubree L. Blankenship

Address: 225 Bethlehem Rd., Paris, KY 40361

Fiduciary: Amanda Blankenship

Address: 225 Bethlehem Rd., Paris, KY 40361

Title: Guardian

Attorney:Dawn C. Letcher

Address:125 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311

Date: 08/20/25

Decedent/Ward: Robert Hopkins

Address:8700 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311

Fiduciary: Sandra Hopkins

Address:8700 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311

Title: Administratrix

Attorney:Jesse P. Melcher

Address:Jesse Melcher Law Office, PO Box 345, Mt. Olivet, KY 41064

Date: 07/30/25

Witness my hand this the 29th day of August, 2025

Sandye Watkins

Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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COMMUNITY

MERCURY MEMORIES

1955
Don Fair Resigns as Principal of Paris High
Donald H. Fair, principal of Paris High School for the past two years, has resigned, effective at once, it was announced Saturday by W. R. Russell, superintendent of the Paris City School System.

OTHER NEWS
Public invited to inspect vote machines
Somerset road to be completed
Governor, Judge proclaim July 24-30 as 'Soil Conservation District Week'
Navy recruiter to visit here each Tuesday

TALK OF THE TOWN
Miss Gracie Smith exchanges vows with Carl Guy on July 25

ADS OF THE WEEK
2 Squib angle tooth brushes 89 cents/Hopkins Drug
Ladies clutch bags \$1.49/Garrett's Dept Store
Kool-Aid 3 pks 25 cents/Coatney Bros

1975
Southern States names director
Donald J. Bloomquist, who has

been assistant director of the Information-Publications Service of Southern States Cooperative since 1970, has been named director of the department.

OTHER NEWS
Mrs. Bobby Curt-singer named fund drive chairman
Eight local persons attend Industrial Development Seminar
Dudley awarded diploma

TALK OF THE TOWN
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Fryman celebrate 50th anniversary
Miss Donna Jones & Ronald Clay Wilson exchange vows August 10
Addie Lee Ritchie celebrates 82nd birthday
Miss Karla Layne King & Billy Reese Allison II vows exchanged July 25

ADS OF THE WEEK
Kingsford charcoal \$1.09/IGA
Grade A eggs 2 dozen 89 cents/Kroger
White potatoes 10 lb bag 99 cents/C & G
Foodtown
Corduroy jeans \$2.97/Cowden

1995
Carlisle landmark closed-Eddie's Restau-

rant Sold
A local landmark in downtown Carlisle closed Sunday, August 20. Eddie's Restaurant, 106 W. Main St., closed. The building was sold to local resident William R. Amburgey. Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce President Rose Brady commented on the town's loss. "There's ben a restaurant there as far back as I can remember".

OTHER NEWS
Ricky Hicks takes District 2 school board seat
Stull Heating softball team brings home ASA trophy
Blue Licks re-enactment brings 500 spectators

Fiscal Court makes road recommendations to state

TALK OF THE TOWN
Bill & Amanda Denton welcome son, Jacob Calvin on August 12
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Jones announce the engagement of daughter, Jessica Rana to James Daniel Flora

ADS OF THE WEEK
Liver & onions \$4.45/Jerry's
Mead 1 ½ Clipmate binders \$1.99/Hopkins
Prelate pink salmon 14 ¾ oz can \$1.39/Crockett's Shopwise

East Union Christian Church would like to invite anyone of faith to our baptismal service at Lake Carnico Beach on Sunday September 14th at 11 am.

All are welcome. **Please bring your own chairs and your praise voices!!

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Sandye Watkins

NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 395.625 that the following Settlements will lay over until 12:00 pm on the 20th day of August 2025, at which time hearing will be held in Nicholas District Court when said settlement shall be approved and recorded unless prior thereto exceptions have been filed.

Decedent/Ward: Lukas E. Crump

Address:PO Box 124, Millersburg, KY 40348

Fiduciary: Ricky & Linda Crump

Address:PO Box 124, Millersburg, KY 40348

Title: Co-Guardians

Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Leland Fletcher

Address:120 Mockingbirg Ln., Carlisle, KY 40311

Fiduciary: Roy Stith

Address:120 Mockingbirg Ln., Carlisle, KY 40311

Title: Guardian

Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Aiden Tedder

Address: 5421 Moorefield Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311

Fiduciary:Jason Tedder

Address: 5421 Moorefield Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311

Title: Guardian

Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Witness my hand this the 31st day of July, 2025

Sandye Watkins

Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN CITY LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS, REGISTRATION AND OTHER MATTERS, AS SPECIFIED HEREIN AND PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, AND PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES WITHIN CITY LIMITS PURSUANT TO ANY AND AL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

NOW WHEREAS, KRS 189.286 provides that the governing body of a local government may authorize and regulate the operation of a golf cart on any public roadway under its jurisdiction if the local government adopts an ordinance specifying each roadway that is open for golf cart use, and KRS 189.286(8) authorizes local governments to adopt more stringent local ordinances governing golf cart safety equipment and operation that specified in KRS 189.126, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Mount Olivet recommends that all golf carts operated in the City of Mount Olivet have windshields as additional safety equipemtn,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET:

To City of Mount Olivet hereby authorizes and regulates the operation of Golf Carts on each and every roadway within the City limits pursuant and subject to the following definitions, requirements and restrictions:

SECTION 1: GOLF CARTS

(A) As used herein, "Golf cart" means any self-propelled vehicle that:

1. Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a golf course;

2. Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;

3. Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;

4. Is designed to carry not more than six (6) persons, including the driver;

5. Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds;

6. Has a maximum rated payload capacity of one thousand two hundred (1,200) pounds; and

7. Is equipped with the following:

a. Headlamps;

b. Tail lamps;

c. Stop lamps;

d. Front and rear turn signals

e. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear;

f. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror;

g. A parking brake;

h. For each designated seating position, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.209; and

i. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080.

j. All golf carts, upon their annual inspection, shall be equipped with a windshield made of glass, acrylic, or polycarbonate, with adequate visibility (an AS-1 or AS-5 windshield as defined by the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 49 CFR 571 Final Rule.

(B) All golf carts operated on any public roadway within the City of Mount Olivet shall meet the following requirements:

1. Be issued a permit by the City of Mount Olivet for the golf cart by the local government.

2. Display a sticker or permit that identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the local government; and

3. Be initially inspected by the Robertson County Sheriff to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of this section. The inspection fee under this paragraph shall not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the golf cart rather than, having the golf cart brought to the sheriff's inspection area. The City of Mount Olivet annual permit fee shall be \$15.00 per year. This fee shall not be prorated or refunded for any reason.

4. In order to receive a subsequent annual permit to operate within the City of Mount Olivet after the initial permit is issued, each and every golf cart owner shall sign a sworn Affidavit certifying that his or her golf cart complies with all necessary requirements, and shall also attach current proof of insurance for such golf cart and submit same along with the annual fee of \$15.00 to the Mount Olivet City Office on or before July 1st of each such year.

C. A person may operate a golf cart on a public roadway pursuant to this Ordinance if:

1. The posted speed limit of the designated public roadway is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less;

2. The operator of the golf cart does not cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hours;

3. The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession; and

4. The golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820.

5. The operator and any and all passengers of any and all golf carts assume any and all risk and liability for any property damage, injury, or death arising from or related to the operation of any and all golf carts, and the operator of any golf cart and any and all passengers of same, release, hold harmless, and indemnify the City of Mount Olivet and all of its employees, officers, agents, volunteers, representatives, contractors, successors and assigns, for any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, and judgments arising from or related to any and all golf cart operations in which such operator or passenger is involved.

6. A golf cart operating on a public roadway pursuant to this Ordinance shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.

7. Any person operating a golf cart on a public roadway under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189.

8. The City of Mount Olivet may adopt more stringent local ordinances governing golf cart safety equipment and operation than specified herein.

9. The Transportation Cabinet may prohibit the operation of a golf cart on a public roadway that crosses a state-maintained highway under is jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety. Any such prohibition shall automatically prohibit the operation of a golf cart on such roadway within the City of Mount Olivet.

SECTION 2. STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

The Mount Olivet City Council further authorizes the operation of Street-Legal Special Purposes Vehicles as defined in KRS Chapter 186, and pursuant to any and all other applicable federal and state laws and regulations, provided that such street-legal special purpose vehicles have been properly and duly inspected and registered/titled with the Robertson County Clerk, and provided that such operation is fully compliant with any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, which are incorporated herein by reference.

The operator and any and all passengers of any and all street-legal special purpose vehicles assume any and all risk and liability for any property damage, injury, or death arising from or related to the operation of any and all street-legal special purpose vehicles, and the operator of any street-legal special purpose vehicles, and the operator of any street-legal purpose vehicle and any and all passengers of same, release, hold harmless, and indemnify the City of Mount Olivet and all of its employees, officers, agents, volunteers, representatives, contractors, successors and assigns, for any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, and judgments arising from or related to any and all golf cart operations in which such operator or passenger is involved.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Mount Olivet, this the 18th day of August, 2025.

Passed on first reading: 7-21-2025
Adopted on second reading: 8-18-2025
Signed by Mayor: 8-18-2025

ATTEST:

Laura Fite

City Clerk

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