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Nicholas County Grand Jury returns two felony indictments

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The Nicholas County Grand Jury was in session on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, and returned two felony indictments.

A grand jury indictment is a formal statement of charges against an individual before a case is turned over to a prosecutor in circuit court. It is not a conviction. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in court.

-Christopher Lee Hagan, Jr., 29, was indicted on three counts of Strangulation in the 1st Degree (Domestic Violence Related); three counts of Wanton Endangerment in the 1st Degree; one count of Assault in the 4th Degree (Domestic Violence – Minor Injury); two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree – Domestic Violence; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender in the 2nd Degree. Bail was

set at \$25,000.00, subject to restitution, and Mr. Hagan, Jr. shall not harass, annoy, telephone, contact or otherwise communicate with the female victim, either directly or indirectly, and shall stay away from the home of the female victim and stay away from any other location where the female victim is likely to be. Trooper Manuel Ruvalcaba and the female victim appeared before the Grand Jury.

-Kenneth Allen Moore, 52, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) in the 1st Degree – 2nd Offense; one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; one count of Failure to Produce Insurance Card; one count of Operating a Motor Vehicle on a Suspended or Revoked Operator’s License; and one count of Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance – 1st Offense. Bail was set at \$5,000.00. Trooper Caleb Hamm appeared before the Grand Jury.

Nicholas County Agent Ashley Vice receives awards at NEAFCS Conference

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The Nicholas County Cooperative Extension sends out a “congratulations to Nicholas County Agent Ashley Vice, who was part of three outstanding groups that received awards at this year's NEAFCS Conference.”

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Florence Hall Award



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LEPC to hold training at Nicholas County Schools on Dec. 22nd

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Members of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission), along with Nicholas County Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Doug French, held their final quarterly meeting of 2025 on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, at 4:00pm, at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

After the meeting was called to order, LEPC

member Rob Hughes discussed an upcoming training session, which will be held at Nicholas County Schools on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, beginning at 9:00am. The training will take place while the students are out of school on Christmas break and will involve all Nicholas County Emergency Services in an “active shooter scenario” using the Centegix security system in place at the schools. When the training date

draws closer, the LEPC will heavily advertise that they will be having the training session, as not to alarm anyone in the county, which is why they will have this training while school is not in session. All the LEPC members agreed that “preparation is key” and that this kind of training is very important, and would schedule further trainings moving forward. The members also discussed the upcoming purchase of an ID

maker, which had been previously approved at the last meeting, and could be used by all Emergency Services in Nicholas County.

Before adjournment the members approved the quarterly meeting schedule for 2026, which would include the dates of Feb. 2nd, May 4th, Aug. 3rd, and Nov. 2nd, 2026, at 4:00pm, at the Nicholas County Courthouse. The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

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