

COMMUNITY

80th annual Blackberry Festival set for June 30th through July 4th, 2026

Mark your calendars — the dates are officially set for the 80th Annual Blackberry Festival in Downtown Carlisle, Ky., June 30th through July 4th, 2026!

This year's festival is extra special as we celebrate 80 years of the Carlisle Blackberry Festival, hosted by Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism, and the 250th birthday

of the United States of America. That's right... a quarter of a millennium of freedom calls for one heck of a hometown celebration. Expect a full week of blackberry treats, live music, carnival rides, vendors, community events, and a star-spangled Fourth of July right here in the heart of Carlisle. It's the kind of small-town tradition that brings

everybody together — neighbors, families, and folks traveling in just to see what all the excitement's about. Follow the Annual Blackberry Festival Carlisle Ky Facebook page for announcements, event schedules, and all the details as we count down to the 80th celebration of the Annual Blackberry Festival!



Photo courtesy of Nicholas County FBLA Facebook page

Nicholas County FBLA competes in Region 5 Conference

Great day at FBLA Region 5 Conference!!!! The students represented Nicholas County proudly and with class!

Region 5 Conference Results...


1st Place Computer Application - Wyatt Simons... 2nd Place Career Portfolio - Tucker Beaty... 2nd Place Public Service Announcement - Blake Adams, Luke Davis and Wyatt Simons... 2nd Place Introduction to Social Media Strategy - Marlee Beaty, Addyson Cobb and Natalie Mitchell... Wyatt Simons - Who's Who Winner for Region 5... and Wyatt Simons - Debbie Barnett Service Scholarship. Congrats!!!


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DOCUMENT 001113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

- Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders may submit bids for project as described in this Document. Submit bids according to the Instructions to Bidders.
- Project Identification: Nicholas County Emergency Services Building
- Owner: Nicholas County Fiscal Court, 125 E Main St #1, Carlisle, KY 40311
 - Owner's Representative: Steve Hamilton, County Judge Executive.
- Architect: Brandstetter Carroll Inc., 2360 Chauvin Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517.
 - Contact: Caleb Miles (859) 268-1933 or cmiles@bciaep.com
- Project Description: Project consists of a new single-story pre-engineered metal building to house EMS operations and apparatus. This will include an ICC-500 rated storm shelter, living quarters, and space for EMS apparatus. The site is located across the street from the Johnson Mathers Health Care facility, to the west of Carlisle.
- The project will be funded by CDBG and RD funds.
- Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following Work:
 - General Contract (all trades)

1.2 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING

- Owner will receive sealed bids until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:
 - Bid Date: Monday, March 23, 2026.
 - Bid Time: 2:00 p.m., local time.
 - Location: Nicholas County Fiscal Court Chambers located at 125 E. Main Street Carlisle, Ky, 40311
- Opening: Bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids will then be reviewed by the Architect and Owner Representatives.

1.3 BID SECURITY

- Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

1.4 PREBID MEETING

- There will not be a prebid meeting for this project. However, all interested parties are encouraged to visit the site to become familiar with the existing conditions. The last day for questions is Friday, March 13, 2026, close of the business day. The last addendum will be issued on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

1.5 DOCUMENTS

- Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain digital documents by visiting Brandstetter Carroll's plan room website www.bcplans.com. The fee for downloading digital documents shall be \$75.00. Any printing costs shall be coordinated and incurred by the bidder.
 - For questions regarding procuring documents please contact Brandstetter Carroll Inc (Mason Schneider), 2360 Chauvin Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517, (859) 268-1933 or mschneider@bciaep.com
 - For specific questions pertaining to this project, please contact Brandstetter Carroll Inc (Caleb Miles), 2360 Chauvin Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 405117, (859) 268-1933 or cmiles@bciaep.com
- Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the following places:

- Allied Construction Industries
- ISQFT
- CMD Group
- Bid Clerk
- McGraw Hill / Dodge
- Construction Journal
- BX Kentucky

1.6 TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work by no later than 365 calendar days. Work is subject to liquidated damages per the Supplemental Conditions of the Contract, however time extensions based on material acquisitions may be considered by the Owner.

1.7 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

- Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.

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