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School Board recognizes Maggie Simons during March meeting

GRADUATION DAY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23, 2026, AT 10:00AM

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Board Chair Cheryl Rawlings, Junior Maggie Simons, and Superintendent Doug Bechanan

Members of the Nicholas County School Board, including Superintendent Doug Bechanan and School Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the Board Office, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Board Chair Cheryl Rawlings called the meeting to order with a prayer, roll call, and the recognition of NCHS Junior Maggie Simons as all-time leading scorer at Nicholas County and being named 10th Region Player of the Year.

"This year, on Jan. 12th during the All "A" Regional Tournament at Bracken County, history

was made once again. School history with an incredible 3,026 points – and counting. Records are meant to inspire. For 32 years, Kim's record set the standard of excellence and now that standard of excellence belongs to

Maggie Simons. Maggie has risen to that standard and created a new chapter in our school's story. Congratulations Maggie. We can't wait to watch you continue to rack up more points during your Senior year."

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the previous meeting's minutes, the treasurer's report and payment of bills, and the superintendent's report of personnel actions, which include...

Employment... Brittany Richie – Softball Asst. Coach; Bethany Parton – Substitute Teacher; Stephanie Reid, Heather Smith, Tabitha Clark, Shelania Yerian (sub),

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North end of Locust Street now One-Way



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The north end of Locust Street is now a one-way street. Signs were put up this past weekend, and Carlisle PD says that numerous people have been pulled over and warned about the now one-way street.

The only part of Locust Street that is now one-way is from the intersection of Locust Street and Broadway/Myers Station road in Henryville, down to the next block of Locust



Street and North Street. There is no north to south traffic whatsoever, only south to north traf-

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Nicholas County Fiscal Court approves Fair Association, Inc. Board Members

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, including Judge-Executive Steve Hamilton and County Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 9:00am, at the Nicholas County Courthouse, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast live on the Carlisle Mercury Facebook page.

Judge-Exec. Hamilton called the meeting to order with a prayer from Mrs. Letcher, the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call with all magistrates present, approval of the

minutes from the previous month's meeting, acknowledgment that the monthly departmental reports had been received, and approval of the monthly bills.

Buffalo Trace CASA (County Appointed Special Advocates) gave a presentation to the court about the good things they do in the county, and the impact that CASA provides for the community's young children. CASA is also looking for volunteers, please call 606-563-7431. Their gala is also scheduled for April 18, 2026, at 6:00pm. They asked the court for a donation, and Judge-Exec. Hamilton said they would look into the July budget and see what the court could do, and thanked CASA for their services to Nicholas County.

The court approved the courthouse grounds request for the Carlisle Christian Church to use the lawn for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2026, and approved the grounds request for the Nicholas County FFA to use the law for the Annual Farm to Table dinner on Aug. 2, 2026, with a rain date of Aug. 9, 2026.

Carla Sandusky, from Spectrum, reports to the

court that the current Spectrum work is 40% complete and should be done in June, in order not to lose funding. The court also approved Spectrum's request for underground cable installation on Garnett Road, as long as they follow protocol, with exceptions.

The court approved a Mathers Fund request for 3 FCCLA students at \$250.00 each, to attend the State Leadership Conference; approved the dates of April 17th and 18th, 2026 for Spring Clean-Up; discussed and approved the implementation of a voucher program, 1 voucher per resident, starting in July, in regards to clean-up; approved the Courthouse/County Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2026; and approved the Nicholas County Extension District right-of-way lot discussion.

The court approved the reorganization of the Nicholas County Fair Association, Inc., which includes the formation and approval of board

membership, which include Fiscal Court Member Steve Hamilton, Ag Educator Madyson Planck, Park & Rec Josh Fryman, Livestock Board Shelby W. Kirby, Ag Business Chad Price, Citizen at Large Dalton Cryman, Citizen at Large Dana Bromagen, Citizen at Large Si Cleaver, and Citizen at Larger Mike Berry.

The court approved the solicitation of landscaping bid for the Judicial Center, and will open bids on April 10, 2026, at the next fiscal court meeting; approved the

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Photo courtesy of Nicholas County Athletics Facebook page
Congratulations to Coach Greg Letcher for being named the KABC Court of Honor Recipient. He was awarded the Court of Honor on Friday, March 13, 2026, at the KHSAA Girls Sweet 16! Go Jackets!!

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