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## Updated school board meeting locations, dates, times are noted

The Elliott County Board of Education will meet as follows on the remaining dates for the year 2025.

- June 19th
- July 17th
- August 21st
- September 18th
- October 16th
- November 20th
- December 11th
- January 15th

All board meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the Elliott County Board of Education Multipurpose Room. This notice shall comply with KRS 61.840. Board members may participate through video teleconference.

## VBS at Watson Church is slated June 10-13th

Vacation Bible School at Watson Church will be June 10-13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night. Bring your kids for the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Everyone is invited to attend!

## Ison family reunion is slated for Sat., Aug. 16

The Ison family reunion will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the round cafeteria at Elliott County High School. We look forward to seeing everybody!

## Howard Cemetery Notice

Those wishing to contribute to the upkeep and mowing of the Howard Cemetery on Route 173 may send donations to Edna W. Pennington or Joyce W. Lewis at P.O. Box 152, Sandy Hook, KY 41171. All donations will be appreciated.

## Simmons Cemetery Notice

Friends and family of the Simmons Cemetery on Rowe Flat in Elliott County wishing to contribute to the maintenance of the cemetery may contact Carl Simmons, 81 Mobley St., Sandy Hook, KY 41171, or call 606-738-5282.

## God's Pantry Food Distribution Call-In Date Is June 23rd

**Pickup Will Be June 26th At The Extension Office**

The Call in for God's Pantry Food Distribution will be on Monday, June 23, 2025, starting at 9:00 am. This month is for the letters L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z.

Call the Elliott County Extension office at 738-6400 or 738-6440 to be put on the food pick up list. When calling in this time there are some changes to the food distribution.

You will get your name and address put on a list and we will give you a specific time to come and pick your food up on Thursday, June 26, 2025. You can only put your name on the list not multiple names. The food will already be bagged for you, and you will not need to get out of your vehicle. Please do not arrive at the

Extension Office until your designated time.

We will only take phone calls, no walk-ins to the office as this is very disruptive. We remind everyone that you MUST be a citizen of Elliott County to receive this food. Only one person per house can get food, 2 people in the same house cannot qualify for this food. If your name is on the list, you CANNOT pick up food for anyone else other than yourself or for an elderly parent. We cannot ask for proof of income, however when you sign your name you are self-proclaiming your income according to federal guidelines. The sign in sheet has the following statement:

"I certify that my gross household income is at or below the guidelines listed based on the number in my household. I also certify that, as of today, my household resides in El-

liott County served by this Kentucky Emergency Food Assistance Program and that I have not previously participated in the Program this month. I understand that making false certification may result in criminal prosecution under State and Federal law."

### Income Guidelines

Household Size – Income per month:

- 1 Person – \$2,322.
- 2 People – \$3,152.
- 3 People – \$3,981.
- 4 People – \$4,810.
- 5 People – \$5,640.
- 6 People – \$6,469.
- 7 People – \$7,299.
- 8 People – \$8,128.

(Each additional family member adds \$830.)

When you sign your name, you are saying that you fall into these guidelines.

## Pop-up driver's license event is slated June 18th

The next Pop-Up Driver's License event in Elliott County will be on Wednesday, June 18, at the Elliott County Courthouse. You may begin reserving your spot on the website calendar on Friday, June 6.

Below are two links:

The first is the documents guide which explains what you will need to bring with you the day of the event.

The second will give you information and direct you to the calendar for registration on that day.

<https://drive.ky.gov/Pages/IDocument-Guide.aspx>

<https://drive.ky.gov/Drivers/Pages/Popup-Map.aspx>

If you have any questions, please call 502-564-1257.

## Route 504 Fire Dept. is seeking Auxiliary committee members

Route 504 Fire Department is asking anyone in the community to join our Auxiliary committee. Members will help coordinate and run fundraisers, maintain the training center, and keep the public updated on things happening at the fire department. Joining the Auxiliary helps Route 504 Fire Department help the community.

Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Frank Whitt Memorial Training Center.

Please call 606-738-5778 for more information or ask any 504 firefighter.


## Volunteers sought for long term care ombudsman pgm.

The Legal Aid of the Bluegrass Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for Volunteers!

Did you know 60% of nursing home residents never receive a visitor?


The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program advocates for rights, dignity and independence for nursing home residents. The program's volunteers visit about 1,700 frail and

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## Farmers Market season kicks off June 27 w/free hotdogs and local fun

The Elliott County Farmers Market is back and better than ever! Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 27, as the community gathers to celebrate the kickoff of the 2025 market season with a morning full of food, fun, and local flavor.

Located at the Elliott County Farmers Market, the festivities will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until sellout. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for the best selection and to take full advantage of everything the market has to offer.

This year's kickoff event will also launch the Kids Bucks program, giving young shoppers a chance to learn about healthy eating and local agriculture in a fun and engaging way.

Adding to the excitement, the Elliott County KY Farm Bureau will be on-site serving up free hot dogs to all who attend. It's a tasty way to fuel your morning as you browse through the wide array of local vendors, featuring everything from fresh produce and homemade baked goods to handcrafted items.

This family-friendly event is the perfect opportunity to support local farmers and artisans, connect with neighbors, and enjoy a vibrant piece of Elliott County life.

So grab your market bags and bring the whole family out for a fun-filled morning at the market. First come, first served—so don't be late!

## Public hearing on school dist. facilities plan June 19

There will be a public hearing June 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. located at the Elliott County Board of Education. The public hearing is to hear public comments and concerns related to the Elliott County District Facilities Plan.

### Local Board Public Hearing Agenda

Hearing Officer: Dolly Fannin.

- Call to Order by the District Designee
- Hearing Officer Opening Remarks and "Statement of Purpose"
- The Local Board of Education has submitted the Proposed Draft of the Facilities Plan to the Department of Education. This accepted "Proposed Draft Facilities Plans" is to be reviewed tonight in the Local Board Public Hearing and copies will be distributed.

This Local/State Board Public Hearing should have:

- Sign -In Sheet to record

all present.

- Recording device to document the proceedings.
- Public address System to allow those speaking to be heard.

• This Local/State Board Public Hearing is for the purpose of hearing and documenting testimony. The hearing Officer is to document the public comments. It is not within the purview of the Hearing Officer to sway public opinion or to comment on the proposed plan.

- Review of Facilities Plan.
- Recording of Testimony.
- Reading of written testimony including that sent or e-mailed to the school district.
- Oral testimony.

Following the Local/State Board Local Hearing the Department of Education will prepare a Hearing Officer's Report. This report will be submitted to the Local Board of Education for review.

## “Other” voter registration continues to surge in Ky.

### Outpaces Republican, Democratic combined three straight months

June 6—Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that Kentuckians registered under “other” political affiliations have bested Republican and Democratic registrations combined for three straight months.

As the Democrats move further left and the Republicans move further right, more voters are registering as Independent,” said Adams. “Kentucky has a large and growing political center; candidates should take note and court this growing bloc of voters.”

In May, 4,157 voters were removed, including 3,173 who

were deceased, 440 who moved out of state, 402 convicted felons, 65 who voluntarily de-registered, 49 voters adjudged mentally incompetent, and 28 duplicate registrations.

Republican registration constitutes 47 percent of the electorate, with 1,582,699 voters. Republican registration gained by 1,026, a .07 percent increase. Democratic registration accounts for 42 percent of the electorate, with 1,391,172 voters. Democratic registration fell by 838, a .06 percent decrease. There are 361,168 voters registered under other political affiliations, making up 11 percent of the electorate. Other party registration jumped by 1,352, a .38 percent increase.



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