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Boyle County election fields set for '26

Staff Report

DANVILLE — Residents of Boyle County now have a clear view of who is seeking local office in the 2026 election cycle after the January filing deadline. Kentucky's candidate filing period opened in early November 2025 and closed on Jan. 9 for local and county offices, with the state's primary election scheduled for May 19, 2026.

Several county offices drew no opposition during the filing period and will not appear on the primary ballot. Those candidates will advance directly to the general election. Uncontested county offices include county clerk, property valuation administrator, jailer, coroner, county attorney and surveyor.

Candidates who filed without primary opposition include County Clerk Casey McCoy, a Republican; Property Valuation Administrator Lacresha "My" Gibson, a Democrat; Jailer Brian Wofford, a Republican; Coroner Eric Guerrant, a Republican; County Attorney Christopher Herron, a Republican; and Surveyor Richard Murphy, a Republican.

Several fiscal court and constable positions were also

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A roadside message encourages residents to help keep Boyle County clean as part of a countywide litter awareness effort.

Holiday waste surge keeps Boyle County crews busy

By JOSELY LABARRERE
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Boyle County Solid Waste and Recycling employees logged an especially demanding holiday season, processing unusually high volumes of trash, recyclables and roadside litter across the county.

During a two-week stretch around the holidays, crews handled more than 160 tons of cardboard alone, underscoring both the volume of seasonal waste and the growing importance of recycling efforts, according to Boyle County officials.

Roadside litter pickup also increased significantly.

Over a four-day period, workers collected 60 bags of trash along Gose Pike, 42 bags on Kentucky 52, 32 bags on Stanford Road and another 20 bags along Airport and Old Hustonville roads.

Additional cleanup efforts were supported by Northpoint inmates and Boyle County inmates, who assisted with litter collection in other parts of the county.

Angie Muncy, who shared the update on behalf of the department, praised the dedication of Solid Waste and Recycling employees for managing the increased workload during one of the busiest times of year.

"When you stop by the Convenience Center or Recycling Center or see Marty and Max beside the road, thank them," Muncy said in the statement.

"They deserve a thank you."

In addition to recognizing recent efforts, county officials

are also asking residents and businesses to help address ongoing litter concerns.

Boyle County Solid Waste and Recycling currently has only two employees assigned to daily roadside litter pickup and does not have access to inmate labor for that task, making it difficult to keep up without community cooperation.

Officials noted that loose trash — especially during windy conditions — often spreads from unsecured loads or business properties into roadways and neighboring areas.

Businesses are expected to maintain their own properties, including parking lots and adjacent spaces, to prevent trash from spreading throughout the community.

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Historical group discusses plans

By JOSELY LABARRERE
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The Danville-Boyle County African American Historical Society discussed financial planning, upcoming community events and preservation efforts during its regular meeting held Jan. 8 at the society's History Center.

President Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., with seven members present. The secretary's report and financial report were read and approved without objection.

Board members voted to move a portion of the funds from the Soul of Second Street account at Farmers National Bank into certificates of deposit, with the funds payable by Aug. 1. Members said the move is intended to better manage and protect the organization's financial resources.

Bill Stocker provided a cemetery maintenance update, outlining conditions at several historic burial grounds across Boyle County. Stocker reported no change at the Wilsonville cemetery, noting that maintenance issues persist. Meadow Lane Cemetery was described as being in decent condition, though the McAfee gravestone will need to be unburied. At Hilldale Cemetery, members were informed that the city is proposing construction of a columbarium for cremated remains.

At Shelby City Cemetery, Stocker reported that fallen tree limbs need to be cleared. He said the Civil War gravestone of

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Pioneer Playhouse named Kentuckians for the Arts member

By JOSELY LABARRERE
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Pioneer Playhouse, Kentucky's oldest outdoor dinner theatre, is being recognized for its continued role in preserving and promoting the arts as a member of Kentuckians for the Arts, a statewide advocacy organization supporting arts and arts education.

Founded in 1950 by Col. Eben C. Henson, Pioneer Playhouse

has operated continuously for more than seven decades and is among the oldest summer stock theatres in the United States. Henson's vision was to bring Broadway-style performances to the Bluegrass, a goal the theater continues to uphold through its seasonal lineup of plays and musicals.

Located in Danville, the

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