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Construction on turn lane addition begins this month

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. Jan. 7 — On January 6, 2026, KYTC District 9 held a pre-construction meeting to discuss the preliminary timeline of construction to install a new turning lane, curb and gutter, and sidewalk in Sandy Hook on KY 7 South beginning at milepoint 6.5 and ending at milepoint 6.9. This project is scheduled in several phases and some will begin this month.

This \$5,051,33 project, that has been awarded to Frederick and May, will offer enhanced safety for our children, staff, busses, and commuters who travel in front of the school campus, day and night. We ask for your patience and heightened awareness during the construction process, as there will be students, staff, and workers present during high traffic times.

Updated school board meeting locations, dates, times are noted

The Elliott County Board of Education will meet as follows on the following dates:

- January 15, 2026.

All board meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the Elliott County Board of Education Multipurpose Room.

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FIVCO Regional Area Plan public hearing scheduled Jan. 15

FROM ELLIOTT COUNTY FISCAL COURT — The Regional Area Plan is a three-year planning document that outlines priorities, goals, and strategies for addressing the needs of older adults across the FIVCO region from July

1, 2027 through June 30, 2029. The plan was developed using data from a needs assessment survey, along with input gathered through previous community forums conducted earlier this year as part of the FIVCO Strategic Planning

process. Together, these efforts help ensure the plan reflects current needs, service gaps, and community-identified priorities. Nicole Davis has created a summary presentation that will be used during the hearings.

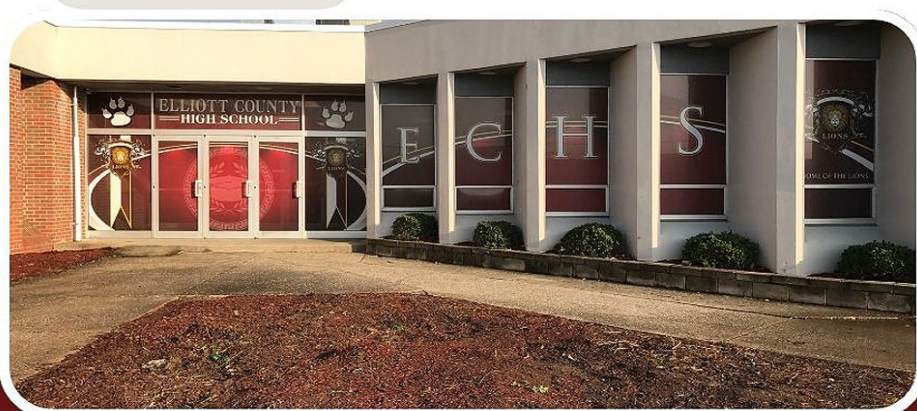
Our community is invited to attend a public hearing regarding the Regional Area Plan 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Elliott County Senior Center. Myron S. Lewis Elliott County Judge Executive

PARENT AND COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING SCHOOL – GRADE LEVEL RECONFIGURATION FOR THE 2026–2027 YEAR

This meeting is being held to solicit parent and community input regarding a potential school/grade reconfiguration for the 2026–2027 school year.

 **15
JANUARY**
At 5:00 pm

ELLIOTT COUNTY
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Sandy Hook, KY 41171



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Primary election candidate filings as of Jan. 7 are listed

Deadline is today; complete list in next week's edition

Political hopefuls are currently filing to run for county offices in the May 19, 2026, primary election.

The filing deadline for candidates is 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, which falls after the publication of this week's edition.

A complete final listing of all candidates will appear in next week's edition.

The following is a listing of candidates who have filed for local, state and federal offices at press time:

Judge Executive
• Republicans – Bill Conley.
• Democrats – Myron Lewis.

County Clerk
• Democrats – Jennifer Carter.

Sheriff
• Democrats – Ray Craft.

County Attorney
• Democrats – John D. Lewis Jr.

Jailer
• Democrats – Dustin Kelley.

Property Valuation Administrator

• Democrats – Adam Ison.

Magistrate, District #1
• Democrats – Emily Adkins.

Magistrate, District #2
• Republicans – Michael Dickerson.

Magistrate, District #3
• Republicans – Charles L. Whitt.

Magistrate, District #4
• Democrats – Brian Dillon.

Magistrate, District #5
• Republicans – Christopher E. Dickerson.

Magistrate, District #6
• Democrats – Dewey Patrick Smith.

Magistrate, District #7
• Democrats – Darren Newell.

Constable, District #7
• Democrats – Donnie Howard.

District Judge, 37th Dist.
• Nonpartisan – Rupert Wilhoit (incumbent).

State Representative 99th District
• Republicans – Richard Lee

White (incumbent).
• Democrats – Iva Markicevic Daley.

U.S. Representative Fifth Congressional Dist.
• Republicans – Hal Rogers (incumbent) and Benjamin Hurley.

• Democrats – Ned Pillersdorf.

• Write-In – Billy Ray Wilson.

U.S. Senator
• Republicans – Andy Barr, Jonathan M. Holliday, Jimmy I. Leon, Donald Wenzel, Michael James Faris, Nate Morris, George Washington and Valerie “Dr. Val” Frederick.

• Democrats – Logan Forsythe, Joshua Blanton Sr., Pamela Stevenson and Vincent Anthony Thompson.

Additional Information
The filing deadline for candidates is 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2026. For additional information regarding the filing process, contact County Clerk Jennifer Carter at 738-5421.

Medicare Advantage open enrollment thru March 31

Each year, between January 1 and March 31, we enter the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period. During this time of the year, current Medicare Advantage plan members can leave their plan and return to Original Medicare as well as enroll in a Part D prescription drug. Members also have the option to switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan during this open enrollment period. Because you are only allowed one switch during this period, it is important to make an informed decision. Trained Medicare SHIP counselors can complete unbiased, free comparisons to provide information about plan options.

Many people on Medicare are interested in vision or dental coverage. Some mistakenly enroll into a Medicare Advantage plan thinking that they are adding dental or vision coverage to their existing Medicare. This is not possible. They are disenrolling from Original Medicare and switching to a private Medicare Advantage plan. If

this happened to you, and you want to go back to Original Medicare, January – March is time of year when you are permitted to do so.

Additionally, it is important to note that from January to March 2026 we enter the Medicare General Enrollment Period. If you are eligible for, and have not enrolled into Medicare A or B, now is the time to enroll. You can contact Medicare SHIP to learn more about ensuring you have all the benefits that you need!

If you have questions, contact Medicare SHIP. Your local Medicare SHIP Program is funded to help you connect with money-saving benefits that many on Medicare are entitled to receive – such as extra help and the Medicare Savings Program! Medicare SHIP is NOT an insurance company and does not sell insurance.

For a free benefits check-up, call our Benefits Enrollment Center at 1-866-516-3051 or visit us online at: <https://lablaw.org/medicare>

Webb named to Fall Dean's List at U of Cumberlands

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. Jan. 6 — In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced that Ashley Webb of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester, and be in good academic standing.

University of the Cumberlands is one of the largest and most affordable private universities in Kentucky. Located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and online degree programs. Learn more at ucumberlands.edu.

Jones and Akers on President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH, Jan. 6 — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December:

• Elizabeth Jones and Jeremy Akers of Sandy Hook.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Mabry named to President's List at U of Cumberlands

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., Jan. 6 — In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced that Akasha Mabry of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, has been named to the President's List for the fall 2025 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an “A” grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing.

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Ky. Safe Driver course Jan. 15th

Students needing to fulfill their Graduated Driver Licensing requirement can register for a free class by going to www.kentuckysafedriver.com and clicking on the Graduated Driver Licensing link or by calling 502/699-2295 to register for a class that will be held on:

Thursday, January 15 at Elliott County High School from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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