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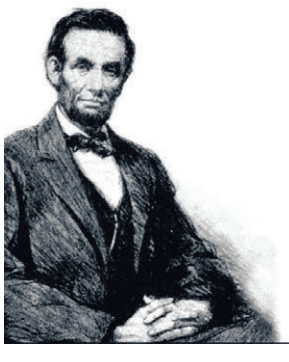

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Simms rules tax petition sufficient, calls for election

BY VICTORIA COX
EDITOR

LaRue County Circuit Court Judge Charles C. Simms III has returned a ruling on the ligation of challenging the LaRue County Board of Education's 2025 property tax levy, determining that the recall petition is substantially compliant and ordering an election to determine whether the voters of LaRue County are for the levy of the tax rate.

Originally filed in November 2025, the litigation challenges LaRue County Clerk Rhonda Metcalf's decision that the petition attempting to recall the Board's 2025 property tax levy did not meet statutory standards, causing it to be declared insufficient. Per Metcalf's determination, two pages of the petition contained different headings and verbiage than all the other papers submitted. Because state law requires all pages of a petition to be substantially uniform in style, Metcalf said she could not by statute certify the petition.

The case came before Judge Simms for a two-day trial on Sept. 8 and included more than 1,200 pages of evidence and half a dozen witnesses. At that time, Adrienne Southworth, attorney for the petition committee, argued that the two pages that have different headings are a "technical problem" that should not cause the petition as a whole to be rejected and, even if the two pages were to be removed, the petition would still have enough signatures to be put on a ballot. Attorneys for the Board, on the other hand, contend that the law requires uniformity without exception and the committee cannot ask the court to simply remove the two nonuniform

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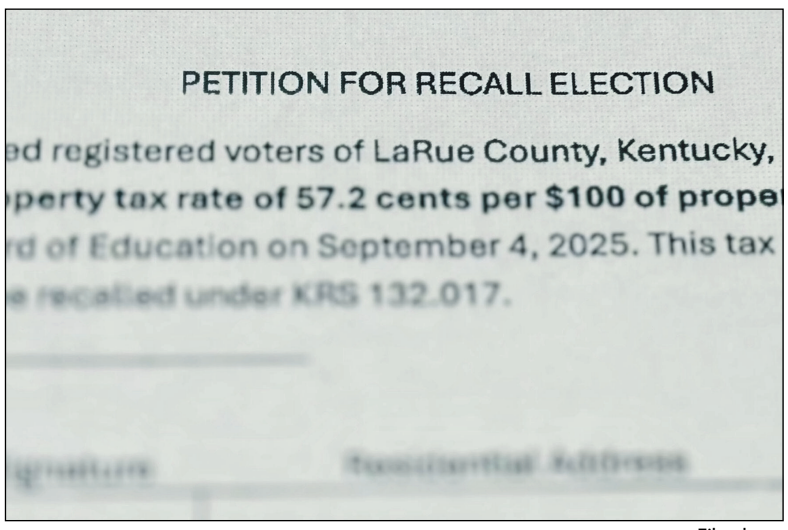

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Senior Night, Hawks are 9-0



Cam Lasley

Seniors Jacob Belton, Matthew Stephens, Cole Miller, Maddox Coffman, Brady Abell,Zachary Quesenberry, Colton Nunn, Luke Heady, Braylin McDowell, Jayden Rojas, and Brock Brown walk the field Friday night following the Hawks victory over the Hart County Raiders and the last home football game of the regular season.

Early voting begins Oct. 28

BY VICTORIA COX
EDITOR



Early in-person voting for the 2026 General Election will begin on Thursday, Oct. 29. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Saturday, Oct. 31, registered voters in LaRue County may cast their ballot at the LaRue County Clerk's Office, located at 209 W. High St., Hodgenville.

On the local level, voters county-wide will be asked to determine who the next LaRue County Judge Executive, Coroner and District Court Judge will be. Residents within city limits will also choose the next Hodgenville

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NOTICE – Watch your mail

BY VICTORIA COX
EDITOR



Hodgenville and LaRue County residents should be on the lookout for a postcard included in their mail, as the 2026 LaRue County property tax and 2026 City of Hodgenville property tax bills will soon be mailed out.

County tax bills will be mailed on Friday, Oct. 30; city tax bills are expected to be mailed by the end of October.

Property owners have several ways to pay their county taxes, including online, in person or by mail.

To pay online, visit laruecountyky.gov/departments/sheriff and select "Click here for tax bills." The link will redirect to Properly Taxes. After agreeing to the terms and conditions of using the website, individuals may then search for their tax bill by bill number, owner name, address or map number. Online payments will require a debit or credit card, which will incur a 2.5% convenience fee. Fire dues cannot be removed through the online portal.

Payments can also be made in-person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the sheriff's office, located at 209 West High Street, Suite 6, Hodgenville. All forms of payment are accepted on location, including cash, check, card, money order or cashier's check.

If paying by mail, include a copy of the tax bill or the tax bill number; to receive a paid receipt, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the payment.

A property tax drop-off box that is

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Fall BACK this weekend

BY STAFF

Daylight saving time will end this weekend, on Sunday, Nov. 1. At 2 a.m., all clocks will "fall back" and everyone will gain an extra hour of sleep.

The time change is to accommodate for more daylight in the mornings.

Referred to as "fall back", remember to set those manual clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, Oct. 31. Most phones, computers and electronic devices update automatically.

Daylight saving time will begin again on March 14, 2027, when we set our clocks forward and lose an hour of sleep.

City prepares for Halloween on the square

BY ALLISON SHEPHERD
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Witches, zombies, ghosts and ghouls of all ages are invited to Trick or Treat on Lincoln Square on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026.

The annual event will kick off with the LaRue County Chamber of Commerce Costume Contest. Registration will begin at 5 p.m., with judging commencing at 5:30. Entries will be $5 per individual or $10 per group or family. Categories are divided by age groups and include an option for group or family

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