

## CANDIDATE LIST

Provided by the county clerk's office, this list of candidate filings for local 2026 elections is updated through the filing deadline Friday. (R denotes Republican and D means Democrat in partisan races)

Some races not subject to a primary such as school board seats and municipal races in Elizabethtown, Sonora, Upton and West Point have a June 2 filing deadline.

### COUNTY RACES

Judge-executive: Keith Taul, R; J.J. Duvall, D.

County clerk: Brian D. Smith, R.

County attorney: Donald C. Jones, R.

Sheriff: Willie Oden, R; Brian C. Sankey, R; John Ward, D.

Jailer: Robert Reynolds, R; Josh "Big Josh" Lindbolm, D.

Coroner: Pat Elmore, R.

Property valuation administrator: Casey Overstreet, R; Michelle Pirtle Bowen, R; Dennis Davis, R; Kristofor King, D.

Surveyor: Eric Spurrier, R. Magistrate, District 1: Walter D. Meinshausen, R; Chris Yates, D.

Magistrate, District 2: Kevin W. Johnson, R; Kenny Saltsman, D.

Magistrate, District 3: Patsy Whitehead, R; E. Spencer Keck, D.

Magistrate, District 4: Fred Clem Jr., R; Christy Gordon, R; Travis Leffew, D.

Magistrate, District 5: Aaron Pennington, R; Wayne M. Ray, R; Jim Becker, D.

Magistrate, District 6: T. Stacy Reynolds, R; William Jason Buckles, R; Nicholas Lee Simpson, R; Frederick Jerome Thomas, D.

Magistrate, District 7: Larry Allen Hicks, R; Robin L. Geary, R; Zach Humphrey, R; Stephen Mapp, D.

Magistrate, District 8: Kenny Muse, R; Jonathan "Jon" Breeding, R.

Constable, District 2: Barry W. Craig, D.

Constable, District 3: John Bays, R.

Constable, District 4: Gerry Perkins, R; Brandon K. Curry, R. Constable, District 5: Brad Luebbert, R.

Constable, District 6: Nathan Myers, R; Sylvester Bennett, D. Constable, District 7: Stephen Drake, R.

Constable, District 8: Donald Parrett, R.

### MUNICIPAL RACES

Non-partisan Radcliff mayor: Toshie Murrell, Michelle Mitchell, Terry Owens, Douglas H. Goodman.

Radcliff City Council, six seats: Pamela J. DeRoche, Aundra Lett Jackson, Laquita Y. Gaskins, Robert "Bob" Mahanna, Serenity Johnson, Kim Thompson, Jerry Brown; Bryan L. Packard; Mitchell McLaurin; Alyssa C. Ager-Booi; Maria Bell; Emmanuel Konsantindis; Lynnette Kennedy; Steve Crum.

Vine Grove mayor: Pamela

Ogden, Selena Hudson, Craig Boyer Jr.

Vine Grove City Council, six seats: Diane M. Brown, Mary Dunn, Donna M. Spangenberg, Kathleen "Kathy" Sisco, Stan Holmes, Jennifer Yvonne Banks; Lonnie Dennis; Frances Mayo Rolwing; Debra Mattingly.

Elizabethtown mayor: Jeff Gregory.

Elizabethtown City Council, six seats, Mika Tyler, Marty E. Fulkerson, E. Lamar Jones, Tim Isaacs, Julia Springsteen, Titus Sublett.

State and federal legislative races and local judicial races filed with the Secretary of State's office in Frankfort.

### STATE RACES

State Senate, 10th District, Hardin and part of Jefferson: Christopher Gatrost, D; Matt Deneen, R; Louis Grider, R.

State House, 10th District, Breckinridge and part of Hardin: John B. Whipple, D;

Josh Calloway, R; Julie Cantwell, R.

State House, 18th District, Grayson and part of Hardin: Samara Heavrin, R.

State House, 24th District, Green, Hart and LaRue: Ryan Dale Bivens, R; Steven T. Caven, R.

State House, 25th District, part of Hardin: Cherlyn Evette Smith, D; Steve Bratcher, R.

State House, 26th District, parts of Bullitt and Hardin: Peyton Griffiee, R.

State House, 27th District, Meade and part of Hardin: Susan C. Doman, D; Sandra Carter, R; Rachelle Frazier, R; Joseph Redmon, R; Paul Smith, R.

### FEDERAL RACES

2nd Congressional District, 21 counties including Hardin, LaRue and Meade: William Dakota Compton, D; David S. Hatfield, D; Hank Linderman, D; Megan Wingfield, D; Joshua M. Ferguson, R; S. Brett Guthrie, R;

G. "Shay" Perry-Adelmann, R. U.S. Senate: Joshua Blanton Sr., D; Charles Booker, D; Logan Forsythe, D; Amy McGrath, D; Dale Lewis Romans, D; Pamela Stevenson, D; Vincent Anthony Thompson, D; Andy Barr, R; Daniel Cameron, R; Anissa Catlett, R; James D. Duncan, R; Michael James Ferris, R; Valerie Fredrick, R; Jonathan M. Holliday, R; Jimmy I. Leon, R; Nate Morris, R; A. Nick Shelley, R; George Washington, R; Other Donald Wenzel, R.

### JUDICIAL RACES

Non-partisan District Court, 9th District, 1st Division: Shelt Michael Lewis. District Court, 9th District, 2nd Division: Kim Winkenhofner Shumate.

### IMPORTANT DATES

The primary election is May 19. Voter registration deadline is April 20 in order to participate in the May primary.

# Mattel adds an autistic Barbie

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
AP RETAIL WRITER

NEW YORK — Mattel Inc. is introducing an autistic Barbie on Monday as the newest member of its line intended to celebrate diversity, joining a collection that already includes Barbies with Down syndrome, a blind Barbie, a Barbie and a Ken with vitiligo, and other models the toymaker added to make its fashion dolls more inclusive.

Mattel said it developed the autistic doll over more than 18 months in partnership with the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, a nonprofit organization that advocates for the rights and better media representation of people with autism. The goal: to create a Barbie that reflected some of the ways autistic people

may experience and process the world around them, according to a Mattel news release.

That was a challenge because autism encompasses a broad range of behaviors and difficulties that vary widely in degree, and many of the traits associated with the disorder are not immediately visible, according to Noor Pervez, who is the Autistic Self Advocacy Network's community engagement manager and worked closely with Mattel on the Barbie prototype.

Like many disabilities, "autism doesn't look any one way," Pervez said. "But we can try and show some of the ways that autism expresses itself."

For example, the eyes of the new Barbie shift slightly to the

side to represent how some people with autism sometimes avoid direct eye contact, he said. The doll also was given articulated elbows and wrists to acknowledge stimming, hand flapping and other gestures that some autistic people use to process sensory information or to express excitement, according to Mattel.

The development team debated whether to dress the doll in a tight or a loose-fitting outfit, Pervez said. Some autistic people wear loose clothes because they are sensitive to the feel of fabric seams, while others wear figure-hugging garments to give them a sense of where their bodies are, he said.

The team ended up choosing an A-line dress with short sleeves and a flowy skirt that

provides less fabric-to-skin contact. The doll also wears flat shoes to promote stability and ease of movement, according to Mattel.

Each doll comes with a pink finger clip fidget spinner, noise-canceling headphones and a pink tablet modeled after the devices some autistic people who struggle to speak use to communicate.

The addition of the autistic

doll to the Barbie Fashionistas line also became an occasion for Mattel to create a doll with facial features inspired by the company's employees in India and mood boards reflecting a range of women with Indian backgrounds. Pervez said it was important to have the doll represent a segment of the autistic community that is generally underrepresented.

Mattel introduced its first

doll with Down syndrome in 2023 and brought out a Barbie representing a person with Type 1 diabetes last summer. The Fashionistas also include a Barbie and a Ken with a prosthetic leg, and a Barbie with hearing aids, but the line also encompasses tall, petite and curvy body types and numerous hair types and skin colors.

## RACE

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Buckles, of Glendale, has never held public office, but served two terms in the student senate while studying at Eastern Kentucky University.

"I had considered the idea during the last race," he said. "The timing didn't seem right then. I do feel confident in the timing now. I have some ideas and unique insights that I feel would benefit Hardin Countians."

Simpson, 29, is CEO and owner of Simpson Brothers Farms LLC, and grandson of former Hardin County Magistrate Francis Simpson. "I think Hardin County is at a point now where it could use some youth getting involved," Simpson said.

T. Stacy Reynolds has served in many capacities, including executive director of the Elizabethtown Heritage Council and board member of the Historic Downtown Elizabethtown Business Association. He also formerly served on the Hardin County Planning Commission.

Democrat Frederick Thomas, is also running for the District 6 seat, and will face-off in November against the winner of the Republican primary.

### DISTRICT 7

Republican incumbent Larry Hicks is facing opposition from fellow Republicans Robin

Geary and Zach Humphrey in the Republican primary in May.

"I care deeply about our community and the future we're building here," said Geary, a political newcomer. "As a woman in my mid 30s, I'm raising a family, working, and living the same everyday life as many people in Hardin County."

Humphrey, co-owner of 62 Insulation, has raised his young family, while building a small local business.

"Decisions made at the county level matter more than ever," Humphrey said.

"Growth brings opportunity, but it also brings real challenges — from roads and infrastructure, to public safety and responsible spending. I want to ensure District 7 has strong, responsive representation that listens to residents and works to manage growth in a way that protects our quality of life."

The winner from the Republican primary in May will go on to face Democrat Stephen Mapp for the District 7 magistrate seat in November.

Mapp was a former candidate for Kentucky's House

of Representatives, District 10, who is now turning his focus to politics at the county level.

"I decided to run for magistrate to focus my community efforts locally to improve our county — not for me, but so my young children and the families of Hardin County can be proud of the county they're raised and reside in," Mapp said.

### DISTRICT 8

In the eighth district, Republican challenger Jonathan Breeding is running against Republican incumbent Kenny Muse.

Breeding is a farmer who is worried about the direction of Hardin County.

"I've always closely followed the actions of fiscal court," Breeding said. "I had never considered running for office until I was approached."

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Nicholas "Nick" Simpson



Zach Humphrey



Stephen Mapp



Jonathan Breeding

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**MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES**

To comply with the orders of the Hardin circuit court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following actions on **Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at the hour of 2:00 p.m.** at the Hardin County Justice Center, 120 East Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions.

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or check, if paying in full, or make a deposit of 10% with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to produce one of the following:

1. An irrevocable letter of credit (MUST HAVE THE ORIGINAL, NO COPIES) from lending institute at the time of the sale. Please note that a loan commitment or bank statement will not be sufficient.
2. Post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. If a purchaser chooses to use a surety for the remaining balance of property purchased, **THE SURETY MUST PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE MASTER COMMISSIONER BY 2 PM THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE SALE AND BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE SALE** (If a married individual intends to act as surety, their spouse must also sign.):
  - (i) A COPY OF A DEED WHICH IS UNENCUMBERED AND A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF VALUE FROM THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR (PVA OFFICE), TO WHICH THIS BOND WILL ATTACH.
  - (ii) A COPY OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT STATEMENT. A SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENT WHICH SHOWS A NET WORTH OF AT LEAST 2 1/2 TIMES THE SALE PRICE.
3. AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT (MUST HAVE THE ORIGINAL, NO COPIES) FROM THE LENDING INSTITUTE TO THE SURETY.

**The down payment, in addition to either an irrevocable letter of credit (MUST HAVE THE ORIGINAL, NO COPIES) or acceptable surety (see requirements above), must be produced at the time of the sale.** Said bond and/or irrevocable letter of credit shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale until paid. (Unless otherwise court ordered)

- (a) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and thereafter.
- (b) All properties are sold subject to the judgment and order of sale in each case which should be reviewed carefully prior to purchase. The Judgment and Order of Sale can be reviewed at the Hardin Circuit Clerk's office, 120 E. Dixie, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- (c) The Master Commissioner does not obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on the properties listed below nor conduct or authorize a survey of the property. **\*\*the purchaser is responsible for title searches and/or any additional liens not named in the judgment and order of sale and for the results of any good and accurate survey of the property.**
- (d) The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.
- (e) Bidding is in increments of \$500.00 up to \$75,000.00 and \$1,000.00 for over \$75,000.00. If Plaintiff provided a one-time opening bid, a first-bid increment of \$100.00 may be made.
- (f) If the property sells for less than 2/3 of the Master Commissioner's appraisal amount, there is a 6 month right of redemption period.
- (g) If purchasing as a Corporation, LLC, or Trusts please provide the Master Commissioner's Office by the Monday prior to the sale date with the following:
  - 1.) An updated certificate of good standing for the entity for which they are purchasing.
  - 2.) Entity must provide its EIN Number
  - 3.) Resolution- Proof that the person bidding is authorized to bid on behalf of the entity.
  - 4.) Identification: Current Driver's License and SSN

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**SALE NO. 1**

MidFirst Bank vs. Deborah Fox, as Administratrix of the Estate of Carolyn Jean Snow, et al (25-CI-00075)  
Amount of Judgment: \$170,454.15 plus interest and costs  
1020 HILLCREST DRIVE, RADCLIFF, KY  
MAP ID# 138-40-01-029  
Recorded in Deed Book 1474 Page 419 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

**SALE NO. 2**

John Becker vs. Richard Scott Langley, et al (24-CI-01114)  
Amount of Judgment: \$2,584.05 plus interest and costs  
612 BROADWAY STREET, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY  
MAP ID# 220-10-08-035  
Recorded in Deed Book 1418 Page 561 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

**SALE NO. 3**

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC vs. Samantha G. Kearney (25-CI-2016)  
Amount of Judgment: \$208,950.22 plus interest and costs  
78 NORTH CHERRY LEAF COURT, SONORA, KY  
MAP ID# 193-00-01-039  
Recorded in Deed Book 1571 Page 19 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

**SALE NO. 4**

Condor Properties, LLC vs. Elizabeth Gamble, et al (25-CI-01063)  
Amount of Judgment: \$1,177.09 plus interest and costs  
4439 S. WILSON ROAD, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY  
MAP ID# 182-10-00-009  
Recorded in Deed Book 1411 Page 1568 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

**SALE NO. 5**

Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC vs. Henry Milton (25-CI-01558)  
Amount of Judgment: \$264,123.99 plus interest and costs  
14610 SALT RIVER ROAD, EASTVIEW, KY  
MAP ID# 020-00-00-005.9  
Recorded in Deed Book 1545 Page 914 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

**SALE NO. 6**

NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing vs. Rhonda Moore-Scott (25-CI-01787)  
Amount of Judgment: \$193,044.52 plus interest and costs  
3797 DOE RUN ROAD, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY  
MAP ID# 181-20-01-027  
Recorded in Deed Book 1551 Page 267 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

**SALE NO. 7**

Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Jason A. Brown, et al (25-CI-00607)  
Amount of Judgment: \$468,605.48 plus interest and costs  
1623 HUTCHERSON LANE, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY  
MAP ID# 184-00-01-114  
Recorded in Deed Book 1510 Page 302 in the Hardin County Clerk's Office

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