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Board puts nickel tax on November ballot

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The Logan County Board of Education voted at its Aug. 26, 2025, meeting to place the Construction Nickel Tax initiative on the ballot for the upcoming general election on Nov. 3, 2026. This decision gives voters the final say on the proposed invest-

ment, which is intended to fund improvements to school facilities across the district as well as build a new school in Auburn.

The Construction Nickel, according to the board, is a proposed investment aimed at strengthening Logan County Schools by ensuring that all students have access to safe,

modern, and high-quality facilities that support learning, creativity, and growth.

The decision to put the tax on the ballot follows the certification by County Clerk Stacy Watkins that a petition for a special “nickel tax” was sufficient. The petition contesting a tax levied by the Logan County Board of Education

on June 6 was filed by John Dawson, Daniel Kemp, Lonnie Epley, Jon Keith Smith, and John Walpole. It requested that the tax be placed on the ballot for a countywide vote.

Board Chairman Tim Hall stated that the board was attentive to a recent community petition and believes most residents understand

the importance of investing in modern, safe, and equitable school buildings. “When our schools are strong, our whole community is stronger,” Hall said, emphasizing that Logan County students deserve facilities on par with those in neighboring districts. He

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Local WWII and Korean War Veterans Honored with B-25 Bomber Flight

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Veterans from World War II and the Korean War were recently honored at the Russellville-Logan County Airport on Aug. 10 with a flight on the Miss Mitchell, a B-25 bomber from the World War II era.

This year’s honored veterans included Glenn Nuyt, James Wren, and D.C. Decker, all of whom served during World War II, as well as Bert Knight, who served during the Allied Occupation of Korea.

Nuyt, a 99-year-old Purple Heart recipient, served from 1944 to 1946 in the 6th Marine Division, which participated in the invasion of Okinawa. Nuyt shared that he wanted to enlist earlier but had to wait until he turned 18 because his parents would not sign for him. On reaching his birthday, he remarked that he “was invited to join the military by Uncle Sam.”

At the recruiting center, Nuyt learned he was supposed to join the United States Army; however, he did not want to enlist in that branch. “The guy handing out the papers heard me say I didn’t want to be here, so he gave me the papers to see the Marine recruiter the next day,”

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Jimmy Wren gets assistance from members of the Russellville City Fire Department to board Miss Mitchell, the 1944 B-25 Bomber, during her recent visit to Logan County.

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Ross named Outstanding Kentucky Attorney

BY NDL STAFF

Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman named Logan County Attorney Joe Ross as the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding County Attorney award on Wednesday. The announcement was made at the Kentucky Prosecutors Conference in Lexington, where prosecutors

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Baker issues burn ban

BY NDL STAFF

Logan County Judge-Executive Phillip Baker has issued an executive order prohibiting all outdoor burning in Logan County, effective Aug. 26. The ban is in response to current and predicted weather conditions and the extreme danger of forest fires.

The prohibition will remain in effect until a public notice is issued to rescind the proclamation.

“I urge all Logan County citizens to comply with this executive order so we can preserve Logan County’s timber values,” Baker said. “But more importantly, that we might preserve the most valuable resource Logan County has, the lives and well-being of its priceless citizenry.”

Baker also urged all local law enforcement to enforce the burn ban.

Logan Aluminum, Carpenter Foundation help fund new school safety system

BY EMILY BADGLEY
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Logan County Schools and Russellville Independent Schools received a \$250,000 donation for their Centegix safety alert system. Centegix is a wearable badge that

allows staff to immediately notify colleagues and law enforcement about in-school emergencies. Both schools were among the first in the district to be equipped with this potentially life-saving system.

LCS and RISD had the system installed in the fall of 2024 and began utilizing it in November 2024.

The generous team at Logan Aluminum covered the initial startup costs for both aforementioned school

districts. Logan County Schools also applied for a Carpenter Foundation grant in December of 2024 and recently received word that they had been awarded

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Glennon Raymond “Glenn” Nuyt
W. L. Moore
Helon Frances Taylor Williams
William Norman “Billy” Hughes

Chris Dynell Barker
Warren Douglas Stuart
Gary Thomas Harris
Jose Luis Garcia

Lee Marcus Bradshaw
Robert Vance Wilhelm
Steven “Steve” Thomas Johns

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