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More local candidates file for election

The following candidates have already jumped out of the gate for the upcoming 2026 Primary Election. The opening day for filing was November 5, 2025 and the last day to file will be January 9th, 2026. The primary will be May 19, 2026.

COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE - Steve Mays and Remington "Remi" Capps

SHERIFF - Joseph C. Lucas, and Steven

Shackelford.

COUNTY CLERK - Kim Noe

CORONER - Jonathan Ray Shuler and Kenneth R. Lewis

COUNTY ATTORNEY - Thomas K. Hol-lon

JAILER - Justin Ray Shuler

PVA - Megan Roach - (Doug Brandenburg has picked up papers)

MAGISTRATES:

District #1 - Timothy Brandenburg

District #2 - Keith D. Smith and Dennis Pel-frey and James "Eddie" Moore

District #3 - Rodney Ross

District #4 - Dean Noe

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District #2 - Glenn Creech

Rebekah Hogan and Scott Jackson have both filed for Mayor of Beattyville but that race is non-partisan and will only be on the November ballot.



Judd's Duster dominates King of the Street at "The Rock"

Beattyville business owner Mike Judd (Judd's Garage) race driver and mechanic, is making big



waves in the auto racing world with "Deja Vu", a supercharged Hemi powered Duster. The Duster (named by wife and crew member Mellissa Judd), is powered by a Blackbird Performance (Geoff and Jena Turk, Bowling Green) Gen3 Hemi with a whipple supercharger making an insane 1650 horsepower. Mike and the Duster won the Modern Hemi Shootout at the world famous Rockingham Dragway in North Carolina ("The Rock") in King of the Street. Mike and Melissa Judd had help from Travis and Jordan Frye (and the Frye kids), Adam Ferrell, Jeff Howard, Caitlyn and Cory Judd, and of course, granddaughter Izzy. Congratulations! (Photos from Rockingham Dragway, Sam Cook Productions)



With Christmas quickly approaching, it's time to put up...the banana tree??? While it certainly looks out of place in Eastern Kentucky autumn, there is no denying that Arthur Noe's banana tree is pretty spectacular (it even produced bananas). The photo was taken by Roger Noe and submitted by Teresa Noe.

Charles appointed to Beattyville/Lee County Tourism Commission

The Lee County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Thursday, November 13th, 2025 in the Lee County Courthouse with Judge Executive Steve Mays and all Magistrates in attendance. The meeting was called to order and after an opening prayer by Magistrate Dennis Pel-frey and the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance the Court went into the

agenda.

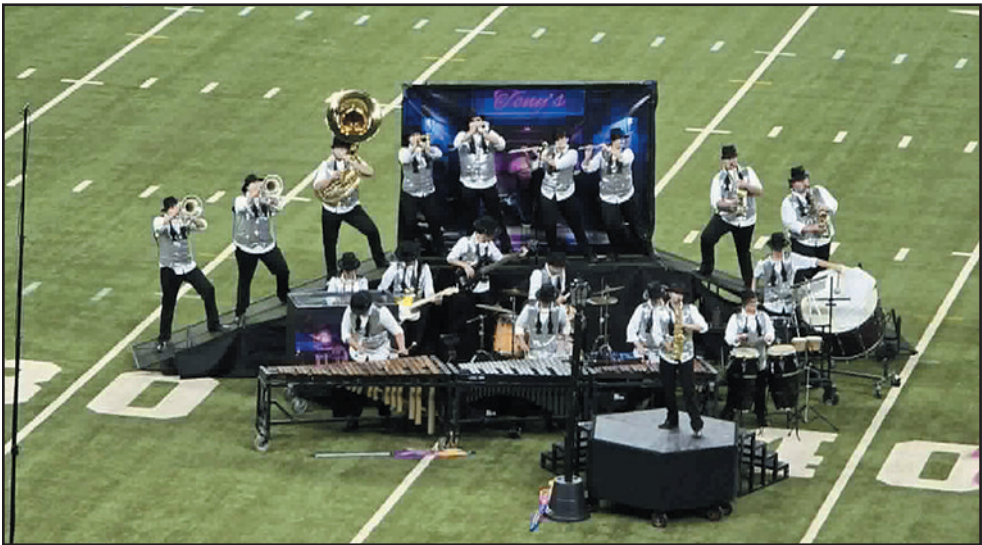
In department reports Mitch Cornelius reported that Solid Waste had collected \$46,647 in receipts for October and that the department was getting caught up on having enough roll-offs for the demand.

Road Foreman Kevin McIntosh reported that his department had the snow equipment ready to go for the county and

that salt had been ordered. The Magistrates approved a bid from Morton Salt for purchase of salt at \$92.00 per ton. A motion was made by Tim Brandenburg and seconded by Rodney Ross to approve the purchase.

EMS Blake Slone reported that the Amulance Service had

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On the National stage...

The Lee County "Pride of the Mountains" Marching Band went out with a bang over the weekend as they competed in the prestigious "Bands of America" competition in Indianapolis, at the Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts NFL team. The Band finished 9th in the USA in their division. The Lee County Marching Band was even featured on the BOA awards montage, with band members being shown on the NFL jumpotron! The Band, directed by Tony Barrett and James Adams, has wowed audiences across the state and now the rest of the country with their show "The Colours of Jazz: Midnight at Tony's". On their way to their grand finale, the Pride of the Mountains dominated Kentucky's Eastern Division, winning all competitions and State quarter finals, advancing to state finals at WKU, and ultimately finishing third in the state. Congratulations!

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