

Look What's Coming Up

In Wolfe County And Around the Area



Community United Recognition Banquet

The Wolfe Countians Against Drugs Community United Recognition Banquet is scheduled December 19 at the Campon Elementary Shool cafeteria. The event will honor local residents who are working for a safer, brighter future for Wolfe County in the fight against illegal drug use, RSVP to Wolfe Countians Agains Drugs at 606-668-6538 or Emily Getchell at 860-389-4343.

Transit service offers free rides for veterans

Robert Spencer, Director of Daniel Boone Transit, wishes to inform all veterans that they can utilize the company's transit service free of charge. It is the company's belief that veterans have paid for their rides by their service to our country.

Tuesday deadline for news and ads

Advertising and news items must be in the Wolfe County News office by noon on Tuesdays to be considered for publication that week

— Editor

Wolfe County Board of Education 2025-2026

Meeting Schedule

2nd Thursday of Each Month (Unless Otherwise Noted)
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Central Office

July 10, 2025
August 14, 2025
September 11, 2025
*October 2, 2025
November 13, 2025
December 11, 2025
January 8, 2026
February 12, 2026
March 12, 2026
April 9, 2026
May 14, 2026
June 11, 2026

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Public Service Announcement Provided By Your Local Emergency Management Office

If someone you know is elderly or dependent on life-sustaining or health-related equipment such as a ventilator, respirator or oxygen concentrator, you should make plans now to ensure their needs are met during severe winter weather and possible power outages.

1. Help them stock a home disaster kit including a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, bottled water, non-perishable foods, essential medicines, and extra blankets or sleeping bags.
2. Check on them after a storm or power outage. Register them, as a special needs customer with their utility so they will become a priority customer. Notify others who could provide help such as neighbors, relatives, nearby friends and local emergency responders such as the fire department.
3. Have a list of emergency numbers readily available.
4. Have a standby generator or an alternative source of power available. Be aware of the safety rules for its use.

Candidates Begin Filing For 2026 Primary

Wolfe County Officials, Other Incumbents Running For Re-Election

Local political hopefuls have begun filing to run for county offices in the May 19, 2026, primary election, including the following.

Corinna Groves, County Clerk; Raymond Banks, Judge Executive; Kistina Trusty Smith, Property Valuation Administrator; Amanda Kash Hampton, County Attorney; Greg "Bubba" Banks, Sheriff; Albert "Coon" Lykins, Jailer; Arthur Vest, Magistrate - Dist. 1; Gene Taylor Booth, Magistrate - Dist. 2; James W. "Billy" Banks, Magistrate - Dist. 3. All are Democrats.

Additionally, District Judge Gary Salyers is seeking re-election in the 39th judicial district. (This is a non-partisan office.)

State Senator Brandon Smith has also filed to run for re-election, and are the only candidates in their districts as of this writing.

For federal offices, Republican Congressman Hal Rogers has filed to run for re-election in the fifth congressional district, while Republican Andy Barr is seeking the U.S. Senate seat that will be vacated by Senator Mitch McConnell upon his retirement at his term's end.

The following is a complete listing of candidate filings at press time:

Judge Executive

- Democrat – Raymond Banks (incumbent).

Sheriff

- Democrat – Greg "Bubba" Banks (incumbent).

County Attorney

- Democrat – Amanda Kash Hampton,

County Clerk

- Democrat – Corinna Groves, (incumbent).

Jailer

- Democrat – Albert "Coon" Lykins, (incumbent).

Property Valuation Administrator

- Democrat – Kistina Trusty Smith (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #1

- Democrat – Arthur Vest (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #2

- Democrat – Gene Taylor Booth (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #3

- Democrat – James W. "Billy" Banks (incumbent).

District Judge, 39th Dist.

- Nonpartisan – Gary Salyers (incumbent).

State Senator, 30th Dist.

- Republican – Brandon Smith (incumbent).

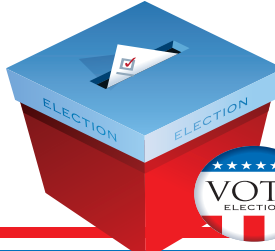
U.S. Senator

- Republicans – Andy Barr.

Additional Information

The filing deadline for candidates is 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2026.

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Changes in SNAP work requirement

By /Sarah Ladd
The Kentucky Lantern

Nov. 3 — Expanded work requirements mandated by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act are expected to cost 114,000 Kentuckians their food assistance, policy experts say. (Getty Images)

Even if their SNAP cards don't work at the grocery store because of a political stalemate in Washington D.C., most Kentuckians receiving federal food benefits will have to start submitting proof of work this month, even as the federal government stays shut down.

Effective Nov. 1, veterans, the homeless, recent foster care youth and adults ages 54-64 are no longer exempt from work requirements to receive food benefits for themselves and their families through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The expanded work requirements, mandated by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, are expected to cost 114,000 Kentuckians their food assistance, policy experts say.

Work reporting requirements are not new, but the sweeping budget bill passed by Congress this summer expanded who has to abide by them.

In Kentucky, the impact will be "substantial," says Cabinet for Health and Family Services spokeswoman Kendra Steele.

Under previous rules, SNAP recipients in 117 of Kentucky's counties — most of the state — were exempt from work reporting requirements due to the local unemployment rates, Steele said.

Now, people who get SNAP benefits in all 120 counties will have to comply with the new work and reporting requirements.

They and new applicants who meet the following criteria will be required to work or participate in Kentucky's Employment and Training program for at least 80 hours a month:

See SNAP Page 2

Fiscal Court holds routine meet Monday

The November meeting of the Wolfe County Fiscal Court was held Monday, Nov. 10 — a day early because of the Veterans Day holiday.

Court members in attendance were Judge Executive Raymond Banks, Magistrates Arthur Vest, Gene Booth, and James "Billy" Banks, and County Clerk Corinna Groves. County Attorney Stephen Johnson was absent.

During the brief session, the Court attended to routine business matters and no new business was discussed.

The Court voted to approve a FEMA Public Assistance contract and approved a number of budget amendments.

Before adjourning, the Magistrates approved payment of outstanding bills and reviewed an emergency order dealing with the adoption of the county's Emergency Operations Plan.

— C. D. Long

It Pays To Advertise In The Wolfe County News

New Lions Club Charter Members sworn in at November 3 meeting

By Angelica Fraley

On Monday, Nov. 3, the newly-organized Wolfe County Lions Club had their monthly meeting. Porter Harris, President, called the meeting to order and asked for all members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for one of the members to deliver prayer. Then President Harris asked all the members that were unable to attend the club's Charter Night ceremonies on October 1 to come to the front of the room to be sworn in and officially recognized as charter members. The members that were sworn in were by Lions District officer Bobby Thorpe of Breathitt County were Michael Brand, Jordan Drake, Kesha Carson, Misty Sweeney, Lynn Hollon, Clayton Hollon, and Kaylee Dickey.

The Wolfe County Lions Club now has 41 original charter members.

The club will meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wolfe County



Charter members sworn in.

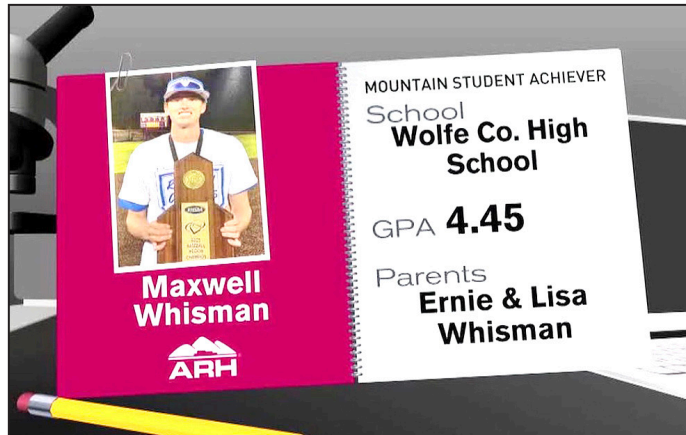
Senior Citizen Building.

Lions clubs are groups of caring men and women who identify needs within their communities and work together to

fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Wolfe County Lions Club, contact Porter Harris at 606-205-0373.

WCHS Senior Maxwell Whisman ARH Student Achiever

Wolfe County High School senior Maxwell Whisman has been selected as an ARH Mountain Student Achiever. Whisman has a 4.45 GPA and is a member of the Beta Club as well as a TRIO Talent Search member and was the MVP of the 14th Region Baseball Tournament last season. Congratulations, to Maxwell!





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for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.