

The Wolfe County News

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Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Value of Carbon Monoxide Detectors

What is Carbon Monoxide? Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas that comes from burning fossil fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, propane, oil, and methane. When these fuels burn incompletely, CO is produced. Home heating and cooking appliances can produce CO if damaged or misused. Vehicles such as cars, trucks, tractors, and lawn mowers are also a source of CO. Any motor allowed to run indoors can produce dangerous levels of CO.

What are Carbon Monoxide Detectors? Carbon monoxide detectors measure the amount of CO gas present in the air over time. Current CO detectors are made to sound an alarm at the lowest level of CO poisoning. This sensitivity may cause the alarm to sound before symptoms appear. It is important to treat all alarms

seriously and have the cause of any alarm determined to be sure your home is safe. If the CO alarm sounds, move outdoors or by an open window or door. Account for everyone at home. Call 9-11 or the fire department from the fresh air location. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel arrive to help you.

NFPA Fast Facts

Winter is the peak time of year for non-fire CO incidents. Nine out of every 10 reported non-fire carbon monoxide incidents happen in the home.

Examples of CO producing devices commonly used around the home: Fuel fired furnaces nonelectric, gas water heaters, gas stoves, gas dryers, fireplaces and wood stoves, gas and charcoal grills, lawn mowers, snowmobiles, and other yard equipment, automobiles.



DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?

The Wolfe County News welcomes your comments about current events in the form of letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number for verification.

Letters to the Editor should be brief and to the point, no more than 500 words. The News reserves the right to edit (or reject) all letters submitted for publication.

Letters should be mailed to:

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Representative Timmy Truett

Promises Kept: Lowering Income Tax Means Rewarding Work Attracting Investment

On January 1, Kentucky took another meaningful step toward a more competitive, more prosperous future and every single working Kentuckian can see the results in their next paycheck. Our individual income tax rate officially dropped to 3.5%, continuing the legislature's long-term commitment to phasing out the tax entirely. This is not just a number on paper, it is a statement of principle. It reflects our belief that Kentuckians, not Frankfort, should decide how to spend the money they earn.

Our goal is simple: eliminate the individual income tax entirely. Not overnight, not recklessly, but responsibly through measured reductions tied to clear fiscal benchmarks. This approach ensures that we protect essential services while still moving Kentucky toward a tax structure that rewards work, attracts investment, and makes our state competitive with our neighbors.

This year's reduction builds on the work we began several sessions ago, including HB 1 in 2022. That measure set the framework for responsible, data-driven rate cuts tied to revenue triggers and economic performance. Economists estimate that the most recent reduction will leave approximately \$718 million in the pockets of Kentucky taxpayers in the first full fiscal year of implementation. That is \$718 million that families can use to pay bills, invest in their futures, or support local businesses, rather than sending it to the state to be redistributed.

The Wall Street Journal recently highlighted the national trend of states lowering income taxes, noting that "marginal rate cuts on the next income dollar increase the incentive to work - and for people to remain in the state." That principle is at the heart of our approach. When we reduce the penalty on work, we reward productivity. When we allow Kentuckians to keep more of their paychecks, we strengthen our workforce and our economy.

The Journal also pointed out that lower income-tax rates serve as "a discipline on politicians who want to spend whatever revenue they can grab." I could not agree more. A government that grows simply because it can is not serving its people. If a government grows, it should be to meet the needs of thriving citizens and a growing economy. Lower tax rates ensure that the government does not grow at the expense of working families.

We have already seen the benefits. Businesses are taking notice. Families are choosing to stay. Entrepreneurs are choosing to build here rather than elsewhere. Every step we take toward eliminating the income tax sends a message that Kentucky is open for growth, open for innovation, and open for opportunity.

Meaningful work - real reform that reshapes a state's economic future - never happens by accident. It takes persistence, discipline, and, at times, the willingness of the legislature to stand firm when the governor tries to slam on the brakes. The Wall Street Journal noted that in Pennsylvania, "the rate cut was pushed by Republicans in Harrisburg, not by Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro—though perhaps he'll take credit for it if he runs for President." That observation hit close to home. Here in Kentucky, we saw the same dynamic play out when lawmakers had to override the governor's veto to pass HB 1 in 2022. And yet, despite his

attempt to block it, he now seems more than willing to bask in the glow of its success. It is a reminder that progress often requires the legislature to lead boldly and to stay the course even when others try to claim the credit after the fact.

As we convene this year's legislative session, I am optimistic about where we are headed. We are demonstrating that fiscal responsibility and improving our quality of life are not mutually exclusive - they are mutually reinforcing. By continuing to lower the income tax and finding ways to ensure state government works for the people and not the other way around, we are building a stronger foundation for future generations and ensuring that Kentucky remains a place where hard work is rewarded, not penalized.

The future is bright for our Commonwealth. And as long as I have the privilege of serving, I will continue working to ensure that Kentucky families keep more of what they earn and that our state remains on a path toward lasting prosperity.

However, our work is far from done and we will convene the 2026 Regular Session on January 6. Want to follow along? The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) is the legislature's administrative arm and maintains a helpful, information-packed website. It contains every bill and resolution, schedules, contact information, and information about the legislative process. For

decades, Kentucky Educational Television (KET) has televised committee meetings and the work we do on the House Floor. In addition, the legislature now offers a YouTube channel and broadcasts live from all committees and the House and Senate. To access the KET and YouTube coverage, visit www.legislature.ky.gov and click on "Live Coverage."

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Richard.White@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Floodplains and Wetlands Early Public Notice Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All persons of Wolfe County, Kentucky

This is to give notice that the **City of Campton, under 24 CFR Part 58**, has conducted an evaluation as required by **[Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990]**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the **Campton Sewer Rehabilitation Project**. The City of Campton has addressed rehabilitation of its sanitary sewers in unimproved fields and yards. This project will rehabilitate sanitary sewers beneath paved streets, parking lots, etc. It is anticipated that the work will largely be cured in place pipe lining (CIPP) to preclude disturbance of improved surfaces. The work includes 9,953 LF of 6 mm CIPP for 8-inch pipe, including post-work CCTV, bypass pumping, site clearing, traffic control, root treatment, etc. It also includes 16 each main line spot repair, 9,953 LF sewer pipe cleaning and CCTV, 95 each service lateral repair, 68 manhole rehabilitation, plant influent pump station improvements, and treatment plant controls - new PLC based AeroMod Control System. One of the goals of the project is to reduce I&I by lining 9,953 feet of existing sewer pipes using CIPP. The project will replace the pumps and controls in two lift stations, one of which is the plant influent lift station. It will also replace controls in the WWTP. The project also includes rehab of 68 manholes.

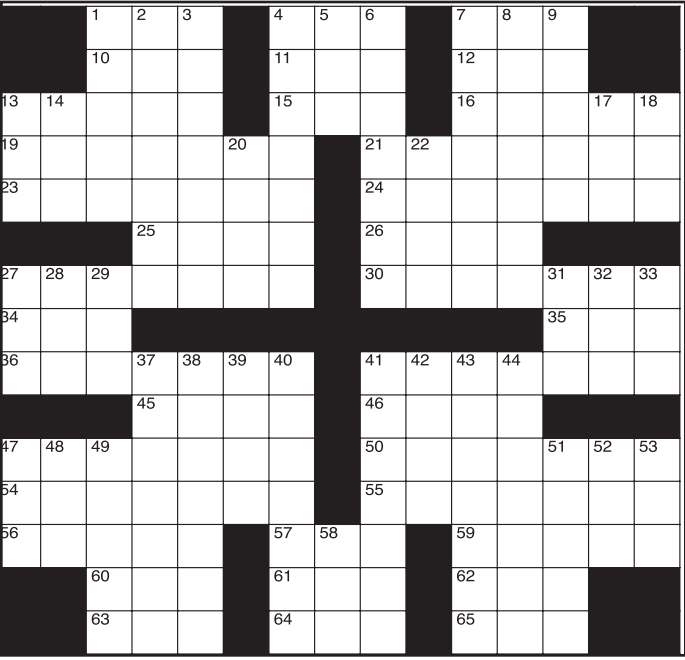
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Date: January 9, 2026

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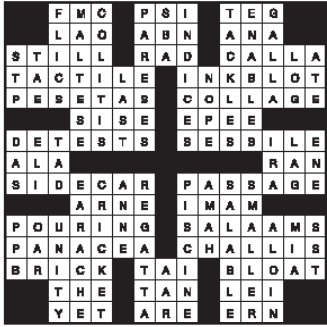
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- Auto manufacturer
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- Two-year-old sheep
- Member of indigenous people in Asia
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- Actress de Armas
- Not moving
- Cool!
- Plants of the arum family
- Perceptible by touch
- Rorschach test
- Monetary units
- Art
- Cardinal number
- Dueling sword
- Hates
- Fixed in one place
- Pie __ mode
- Moved on foot
- Passenger's spot on a motorcycle



- References
- Takes down
- Facilitates
- One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- Engine additive
- Chemistry solution
- Written account
- Consumed
- Coming after all others
- No (slang)
- Government lawyers
- Super Bowl winner Manning
- Small amount
- A way to save for your future
- A way to travel behind
- Midway between north-east and east
- Head pain
- Loud lawn insect
- Actress Hathaway
- Boat race
- About fish
- Nursemaid in India
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- Very fast airplane
- Swiss river



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