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**Look What's Coming Up**  
In Wolfe County  
And Around the Area

## Lions Club Raffle to benefit local projects

The Wolfe County Lions Club is selling raffle tickets on a basket of UK Wildcats-themed items valued at \$350.00. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased from any Lions Club member. The drawing will be held on April 7. Proceeds will go to benefit local community projects.

## RRV PTO to sponsor online auction Mar. 13

Red River Valley PTO will conduct an Online Auction on Friday, March 13. You can join the fun on RRVE's Facebook page. Pickup at County Extension Office on night of auction until close of auction or on following Monday at 3:30 p.m. Pay at time of pickup. Auctioneer will be Paul Collins.

## Wolfe County Tourism Meetings Schedule

Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at the Wolfe County Courthouse, 16 Court Street, Campton, in the Meeting Room: Second floor, old courtroom.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

Meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for community members, partners, and stakeholders to stay informed and involved in local tourism efforts.

## 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

## St. Patrick's Day Candy Sale

The WCHS Lady Wolves cheerleaders are conducting a St. Patrick's Day Candy Sale fund raiser. Skittles, Starburst Hershey's Chocolate Bars, \$2.00 each. Contact any WCHS leader. Will deliver in Campton and to all county schools.

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## Quilts of Valor Presentation

On Friday, Feb. 21, the Quilts of Valor - Morgan County Peace by Piece organization was honored to award five veterans with quilts at a ceremony at the Wolfe County Public Library. Thank to the veterans for your service. Thanks also to the friends and family who attended. Thank you to those who prepared refreshments and prepared for the presentation. Pictured standing left to right are veterans Donnie Havens, Gary Dunn, Cody Dunn and Garrett Dunn. (Gary is the father of Cody and Garrett.) Pictured sitting is Ervina Allen, Jr. (Photo courtesy of Susie Blevins)

## Retired Teachers to meet March 10

Wolfe County Local Retired Teachers' Association invites all retired teachers to attend the local RTA meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, in the Fellowship Hall of the Campton Methodist Church. All retired teachers are welcome to attend and share information from the March 3 district meeting and enjoy good fellowship and delicious food.

Bernice Elam Pres.  
WCLRTA

## Deadly new drug prompts Ky. warning

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security warns that Cychlorphine, a highly potent synthetic drug approximately ten times stronger than fentanyl, has been detected in central Kentucky and is contributing to overdose deaths in neighboring regions, including eastern Tennessee.

A synthetic drug, Cychlorphine, has reportedly contributed to overdose deaths in central Kentucky, eastern Tennessee and other regions. This substance is frequently mixed with other illegal narcotics, placing users at extreme risk of unintentional exposure. Its presence is expected to expand to additional areas within the Commonwealth.

- Exercise extreme caution when handling any unknown or illicit substances.
  - Utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to prevent accidental exposure.
  - Treat all suspected Cychlorphine-related overdoses as medical emergencies.
- The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security urges the public to remain vigilant, avoid contact with unknown substances, and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

## Phone scams targeting residents in this area

Law enforcement agencies are warning local residents of three new phone scams currently circulating in Wolfe and other area counties.

The scams involve requests for exchange of money and/or personal information, as well as deceptive claims that the caller is a sheriff's deputy.

People need to be aware of any phone calls they get for any type of personal information, officers say, noting that the sheriff's office – or any law enforcement agency – will never call people and tell them they have a warrant, or that they need to send money to get out of trouble.

### Details of the scams follow:

#### Car Crash Scam

There has been an increase in scam calls this week in which the intended victim is told that their child had been involved in a serious car crash and the caller reads a case number and tries to get the intended victim to repeat it back. Do not repeat any numbers back and hang up immediately.

The Sheriff's Office or any other law enforcement agency will never call you and give you a case number and request you to repeat it back. It seems this is a way to record your voice saying certain numbers and letters.

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## A Good Time Was Had By All

A good time was had by all at the last winter dance at the activity center at Natural Bridge State Resort Park. Participants enjoyed tons of clogging and easy line dances at the Valentine's Day Dance. Among those participating were, from left, Terry Alan, Angelica Fraley and Ally Alan, who are looking forward to dancing at Hoedown Island starting on April 25 at the park. Warm ups will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the regular dance program will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$3.00 for adults, children under 12 free. Included will be easy to learn single and couples dances, line dances, clogging, waltzes and Appalachian style dances, plus plenty more family fun. Dances will be hosted by Jane Bolin.

## Bill would extend death benefits to search and rescue team members

By Caleb Barnes

Search and rescue crews in Kentucky work every year to locate people and bring them to safety. Like many first responders, that includes going into potentially dangerous situations. For search and rescue teams, however, there is no death benefit provided should something go wrong.

Wolfe County Search and Rescue is advocating for a bill that would extend those benefits to team members around the state.

"If something should happen to a search and rescue member during a mission, there's no death benefit provided," said spokesperson Kevin Osbourn. "Senate Bill 47 attempts to rectify that situation."

The state of Kentucky provides a death benefit to the family of first responders who were killed in the line of duty, but that benefit is not extended to search and rescue crews. That's something Osbourn and Chief John May with Wolfe County Search and Rescue hope that they can change.

"We're all volunteers," May said in a state committee meeting in Frankfort. "We don't get paid anything to do this and we risk our lives every time we go out"

May shared a moment from a 2019 rescue attempt

where something went wrong.

"We showed up, found out that there was a lady that was screaming for help somewhere below Chimney Top," May said.

An issue occurred when he went rappelling down.

"I ended up falling 150 feet," May said. "Really the only thing I can remember about that is my wife and young child walking out that trailhead, while my team was carrying me out to an ambulance, and seeing them and seeing the, you know, their faces...If I hadn't survived that, you know, what would my family have done?"

Search and rescue is more than helping hikers and climbers in the Red River Gorge. After natural disasters like flooding and tornadoes – both of which affected Kentucky in 2025 – search and rescue crews assisted people affected.

"We risk a lot so that other people can live," Osbourn shared. "We save lives so other people can live and we believe that search and rescue team members deserve the same protection that other first responders receive."

State Senator Matt Deneen is sponsoring SB 47 to extend death benefits to include search and rescue. That bill has passed through committee and was scheduled for discussion on the Senate floor.

## Driver licensing services resumed at Jackson Ofc.

Full staffing, services, including driver tests, in permanent location

FRANKFORT, Ky. Feb. 19 – In person licensing services, written permit testing and driver testing resumed at the Jackson Driver Licensing Regional Office flagship location beginning on Feb. 23. Issuance services had been temporarily moved to the Breathitt County Public Library due to insufficient heating during the late January winter storm which brought prolonged cold temperatures.

"We are grateful to the local library for hosting us so we could maintain critical licensing services in the area while ensuring the safety of our staff and the people we serve as we faced an extreme weather event," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Deputy Secretary Jeremy Slinker. "We are pleased to restore services at full capacity."

All services have been resumed at the permanent office located at 1127 Main Street in Jackson, Ky.

Kentucky's 34 other regional office locations remained open. Kentuckians are reminded some licensing services can be completed by mail or online. To check eligibility and services, the status of local offices, or to schedule an appointment, visit drive.ky.gov.

All driver testing must be scheduled through the Kentucky State Police's website at

kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/driver-testing. Prior to arriving to take the test, Kentuckians should remember to:

Bring all required documentation to your appointment so the permit test can be administered. Necessary documents include proof of identity, such as birth certificate (not a photocopy), proof of Social Security and a School Compliance Verification Form.

Study the Kentucky Driver Manual, which can be found here. Should an applicant not pass the written test, they can schedule another one.

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