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

Popup driver licensing slated in Wolfe May 27

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet driver's licensing staff from Jackson will host a "Popup" for Wolfe County residents on Wednesday, May 27 in the courtroom at the Old Courthouse. Renew your license, upgrade for a REAL ID, complete a free vision screening. Sign up now for a slot at <https://drive.ky.gov/Drivers/Page/Popup-Map.aspx>.

Community Roadside Cleanup set April 25-26

Residents are invited to help clean up Wolfe County's roadsides by participating in a two-day Community Roadside Cleanup on April 25 and 26. Trash bags will be provided and filled bags will be picked up and properly disposed of following the event. Individuals, families, church groups, community organizations and businesses wishing to participate should contact the Wolfe County Solid Waste Coordinator Bryan Faulkner at 668-7811 or email: solidwaste@wolfe-countyky.com

Long-Banks-Perry Cemetery Notice

The Long-Banks-Perry Cemetery behind the Sunlight Baptist Church is in need of donations for upkeep. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please send to Roger Long, P.O. Box 374, Campton, Ky. 41301. Thank you.

WELCOME

To Baptist Fork Community Church. We're now open and we welcome you. The weather is opening up and we plan to visit more out in the community. We are a Bible preaching church. We have good singers, good music, classes for your children. We have activities planned. Church services 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. Also every 5th Sunday Singing Service at 6:00 p.m.
—Barry Mullins, Pastor
606-945-4025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County Board of Elections will examine the voting machines on April 28th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Wolfe County Schools School Calendar 2025-26

August 6th - Opening Day for Students
August 29th - No School/ PD Day
September 1st - No School/ Holiday
October 6th-10th - No School/ Fall Break
November 26th-28th - No School/ Thanksgiving Break
December 20th-January 4th - No School/ Christmas Break
January 19th - No School/ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
March 30th-31st - No School.
April 1st-3rd - Spring Break
May 21st - Last Day for Students.
May 22nd - High School and Middle School Graduation.



Wolves All-A Regional Champs

The Wolfe County High School Wolves defeated Breathitt County, 4-3, in the championship game of the 14th All-A Regional Baseball Tournament last Saturday at Cordia High School. The victory capped a 4 game run that also included wins over Owsley County, Buckhorn, and Knott County to earn a berth in the All-A State Tournament. On their way to the championship, the Wolves defeated an extremely good Knott County team, 3-0, on Friday in the semifinals. The Wolves now advance to the state tournament for the second time in the past three years. The first round game will match the Wolves with 13th Region champs Jackson County and will be played at the Wolfe County Baseball Field. Date and time will be announced. Team members are Sammy Fugate, Liam Smith, Chance Oliver, Collin Gillam, Bradley Thorpe, Hayden Whisman, Bentley Flannery, Gabe Adkins, Marshall Spencer, Jaxson Hollon, Slade Freeman, Cameron Hollon, Brayden Tolson, Jaden Hollon, Chance Fallen, Camden Oliver, Kris Evans, Jayden Molands, Landon McWhorter, Max Whisman. Benny Campbell is head coach.

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

Subject to change in the event of weather or lack of quorum

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

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

Fast charging is now available in Campton

Two new fast charging stations now open — here and in Morehead

FRANKFORT, Ky. April 10 — Gov. Andy Beshear announced today that motorists in eastern Kentucky now have access to two new locations for fast charging stations, which are now open in Campton and Morehead. The latest fast-charging electric vehicle (EV) stations, developed by Francis Energy, received funding through Kentucky's EV Charging Program.

"We are building a Kentucky where no family or business has to worry about where their next charge is coming from," said Gov. Beshear. "By expanding our network, we are making sure our infrastructure is keeping pace with the vehicles already on our roads."

Francis Energy locations in Campton and Morehead are the seventh and eighth stations to open in Kentucky as part of

the federally funded National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Sites are also open in Berea, Glasgow, Grayson, Hazard, Richmond and Sparta.

Last fall, Kentucky re-secured \$17.8 million in previously appropriated funds to build out EV charging stations after the Governor joined a lawsuit challenging the federal government over its unlawful decision to freeze funding for the NEVI program.

The Campton site at 182 Quillens Chapel Service Road is off the Mountain Parkway and has four ports capable of charging at up to 400 kilowatts each. It was approved in May 2024 and awarded \$877,000 through the EV Charging Program. The Morehead station located at 3333 KY 801 is just off I-64 and has four ports capable of charging at up to

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'On their radar in Frankfort'

Campton Mayor Kathi May has had conversations with various state officials and elected leaders seeking support for Campton's ongoing effort to nail down a plan to supplement Wolfe County's public water supply. The mayor is shown here during a recent meeting with State Senator Brandon Smith, left. The mayor also has been in touch with Rep. Timmy Truett; Rocky Adkins (former House Majority Leader and special assistant to Gov. Andy Beshear), and Congressman Andy Barr. "We are definitely on the radar in Frankfort," said the mayor.

More than \$1.7 million in budget for roads and bridges in Wolfe County

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 3 — Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, today announced the appropriation of \$1.716 million to support road, bridge and highway improvements in Wolfe County through the state's various road-related budget legislation.

Major investments were secured through the state's biennial plan, House Bill 502, which focuses on projects to improve safety, mobility and access across Wolfe County.

Funding for biennial road projects in the county include:

- \$850,000 for right-of-way acquisition and utility work to support minor widening on KY Highway 15 to improve regional travel reliability,
- \$400,000 for design work to correct hills and curves on KY Highway 191 between Hazel Green and KY Highway 205 to improve safety, and

- \$190,000 for a planning study to reconstruct KY Highway 191 from the Mountain Parkway interchange to KY Highway 3356.

In addition to road, bridge and highway investments included in the biennial road plan, Smith announced targeted funding secured through the Local Assistance Road Program, House Joint Resolution 76, to support resurfacing projects across Wolfe County. The plan includes \$276,000 for projects identified as priorities by local officials. They are:

- \$237,000 to resurface Mullins Point Road and
- \$39,000 to resurface Calaboose Ridge Road.

"Wolfe County's infrastructure is vital to its communities and our people," Smith said. "I'm grateful to say that Wolfe County is not forgotten. These investments focus on improving safety and reliability on key routes that families here depend on every day."

Additional funding opportunities for local governments include \$50 million over the next two years prioritized for the County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP). The funding is designated to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department for Rural and Municipal Aid for rehabilitation and replacement projects on county and city-owned bridges. Counties must apply for grant awards using the CCBIP application.

For fiscal year 2027, \$24 million was allocated for a new grant pool for cities and counties. This grant opportunity will provide up to \$100,000 to counties for various transportation projects, such as widenings, sidewalks and paving. Counties are required to match funding dollar for dollar to draw down these state funds.

Further, up to \$100,000 is available for cities that are county seats. Cities would also need to match dollar for dollar. If a county seat does not use all \$100,000 available, other cities in the county may apply for the remainder.

Finally, in fiscal year 2028, lawmakers are providing an additional \$13 million to counties through the revenue-sharing formula, also known as the "formula of fifths," and another \$13 million to cities through a similar formula. This funding is divided among counties and cities based on population.

Music on the Green series at HG Academy

Music on the Green at Wolfe County's historic Hazel Green Academy continued last night with a musical performance featuring Pam Perry, Jeff Watson and Roger Drake.

Music on the Green will conclude Thursday, April 23, with a performance by Holly Forbes. The show starts at 6:00 p.m.

Grab your friends, bring a blanket, and come enjoy a night on the green.

Music on the Green is sponsored by Wolfe County Tourism and is a project of the ongoing Hazel Green Academy Revitalization Project and Craft Academy students from Morehead State University.

Caution is advised on KY 15 between Campton, Breathitt

A project is currently underway to rehabilitate the pavement on KY 15 in Wolfe County between the Breathitt County line and Campton. Currently, the shoulders are being trenched and refilled with asphalt. This will be followed by a resurfacing of the highway to include a wider center stripe.

While the shoulder work is underway, entrance and exit to side roads and private driveways will be affected and drivers attempting to turn into or off of KY 15 may experience delays. The project currently has lane closures on KY 15, which will continue as the paving progresses.

The work is expected to take four to six weeks.

UPS announces 8% surcharge effective Apr. 26

The USPS® has announced a temporary fuel surcharge, including an average 8% increase across select domestic shipping services such as Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, and Ground Advantage. First-Class Mail is not affected. The new rates will be in effect from April 26, 2026, through January 17, 2027.

Don't Forget To Renew Your Subscription

Wolfe Countians Against Drugs

Help Is Available

Substance use doesn't just affect the person using - it affects families, friends, and the whole community.

At Wolfe Countians Against Drugs, we work to educate, prevent, and support recovery in our county. From teaching teens about the risks of nicotine and alcohol to providing resources for those in recovery, every effort matters.

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