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

Vacation Bible School slated at Lee City Ch.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled July 29, 30, 31 at Lee City First Church of God. The theme will be Junkyard Redemption. Transportation will be provided for anyone in the Hazel Green and Lee City area. Call Claudia Burnett at 502-370-5465.

Senior Center plans silent auction, soup bean meal, quilt raffle

The Wolfe County Senior Citizens Center is planning a Silent Auction on Friday, July 31, in conjunction with a soup bean dinner for everyone. The auction will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meal will be served at the Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with delivery within Campton city limits. Cost will be $10.00. Be sure to check the Senior Center Facebook page for items posted to be auctioned. In addition two quilts handmade by Mary Cox will be raffled.

Rabies vaccinations scheduled August 7

The Kentucky River District Health Department will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic in Wolfe County on Friday, Aug. 7. The cost will be $10.00 and vaccinations will be available at the following times and locations: Corner Marathon 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Hazel Green Christian Church, 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Campton City Park, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Contact the Wolfe County Health Department for additional information.

Free Kindergarten Readiness program

Countdown to Kindergarten, a free kindergarten readiness program for all children who will be entering kindergarten this year is scheduled July-28-30 at the Wolfe County Extension Office. Hours will be frolm 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. To register, call 66-668-3712. Child must be signed in by an adult.

Stanton Corn Festival

The annual Corn Festival is slated for Saturday, Aug. 1, in Stanton..

Open House Aug. 3 at Campton Elementary

Back to School Open House will be held at Campton Elementary on August 3 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Ssstudents and parents are invited to colme and meet the teachers and ecplore the school

Wolfe County Tourism Meetings

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 Meetings

- 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.

Miss Wolfe Co. Pageant signups Mon., July 27

Sign ups for the Miss Wolfe County and Mini Miss and Mini Mr. Wolfe County Swift Silver Mine Festival will be held Monday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. at Campton Elementary. The sign up fee is $75. For additional information, contact Becky Dickey, 606-424-3806, or Chastity Haddix, 606-362-7059.

High School Open House slated Aug. 6

Wolfe County High School will hold Open House Thursday, Aug. 6, for incoming students to meet their teachers, get their schedules and fet acquainted with the school. Hours for sophomores, juniors and seniors will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hours for freshmen will be 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Back to School event at Rogers Baptist Church

Rogers Baptist Church will host a Back to School event Saturday, July 25, starting at 2:00 p.m. Each student will receive a free book bag with supplies and a Bible. Grilled hotdogs and chips will be served.

Head Start Center sets Open House July 30

Wolfe County Head Start Center will hold Open House Thursday, July 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Families with Head Start children ages 3-5 are invited to attend to meet with teachers, explore classrooms. For more information, call 606-668-7879.

Red River Elementary back to school Redifest

Red River Valley Elementary will host a Welcome Back to School Redifest on August 6 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Substitute teacher training July 30th

Substitute teacher training is scheduled Thursday, July 30. Makeup time for those who taught last year will be at 9:00 a.m. Training for all substitute teachers will begin at 10:00 a.m. New substitute teachers will need to pick up and submit an application at the Wolfe County School Board office.

Redi-Fest Aug. 5 at Rogers Elementary

Rogers Elementary will have Redi-Fest for students Wednesday, August 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students are invited to attend and enroll, meet their teachers, and pick up free school supplies. A meal will be served.

2026/2027 Wolfe County School Calendar

August 10—Opening Day
Sept. 4—School Closed
Sept.7—Labor Day
Oct. 12-16—Fall Break
Nov, 25-27—Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21-Jan. 3—Christmas Break
Jan. 18—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
April 5-9—Spring Break
May 18—Election Day
May 21 Last Day for Students.

Bell at Hazel Green Academy.

Alumni And Friends Of Hazel Green Academy To Meet On HGA Campus For Annual Reunion Aug. 8-9

Alumni and Friends of Hazel Green Academy will once again gather on the HGA campus for their annual reunion on Saturday, August 8, 2026, with the auditorium, Administration Building and Jot-em-Down Store being open.

On Saturday at 7:00 PM, there will be a fish fry on the campus. There will be entertainment provided during this time and lots of memories shared of the school on the hill.

Come and ring the bell once again on the hill. Take a stroll through the Administration Building and see the work that has been done on the building.

Everyone, please contact your classmates and their family about this gathering.

Friends of the school are also encouraged to attend this event. Come and let us fellowship with one another.

On Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 11:00 AM a memorial service will held be held at the Hazel Green Christian Church with a dinner afterwards.

Contact Roy (Rita) Rogers (606-634-5734) (rrogers@mrtc.com) for more information or if you have any questions.

Wolfe County certified is as Recovery Ready Community

By Melissa Patrick
Kentucky Health News

Three more Kentucky counties—including Wolfe County—have been certified as Recovery Ready Communities, signaling that they have the resources needed to help their residents recover from addiction. That brings the total to 42 counties out of 120.

"There is no limit to the generosity and selflessness of Kentuckians, and that's seen through the hard work being done to ensure less of our people face the pain of addiction," Gov. Andy Beshear said in a news release. "Our four straight years of declines in overdose deaths are largely thanks to the work of our Recovery Ready Communities, and I know we'll continue to make progress because of their passion and dedication."

The new Recovery Ready Communities also include Meade and Pike counties. About 95,000 Kentuckians live in those parts of the state, according to the release.

"Across Kentucky, our people are seeing real differences made in the lives of their loved ones because of the Recovery Ready Communities program," Recovery Ready Communities Advisory Council Chair Pam Darnall said.

Wolfe County was recognized for its strong, collaborative prevention system, which is centered on partnerships between Wolfe Countians Against Drugs, Wolfe County Schools, public health agencies, law enforcement and regional recovery organizations.

"Recovery doesn't happen because of one program or one organization. It happens because an entire community chooses to believe that people deserve another chance and then backs that belief with action. That's what Recovery Ready Communities represent," JoAnn Fraley, overdose prevention and recovery support manager at the Kentucky River District Health Department, said.

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

WORDS OF WISDOM

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.

—Will Rogers

Wolfe County Bitcoin operation shuts down

A Bitcoin mining operation that generated nearly three years of noise complaints from residents along Ky.1036 in Wolfe County is much quieter now and according to a story by Leigh Searcy of WLEX News, the facility is being dismantled.

Barbara Campbell, who lives near the Artemis Power Tech facility, told Searcy the constant industrial hum that plagued the community disappeared last week.

Searcy said an employee at the facility told her the plant had closed and that dismantling of the equipment is expected to take about a month. Searcy said she was told that "the Bitcoin market collapsed and it shut down."

The facility began operations without public notice to residents, highlighting gaps in local regulation of industrial operations in rural Kentucky counties.

Artemis Power Tech did not return phone calls seeking comment. Wolfe County Judge Executive also did not respond to requests for comment.

County tax records show the operation generated $11,450 in combined property and occupational taxes for 2024 and 2025.

Michael Brand, a candidate for Judge Executive at the upcoming November election, told Searcy, "We're not collecting any revenue from it—$11,000 isn't enough for the downside that happens," Brand said he would consider proposing a noise ordinance if elected, noting that without such regulations, mining operations and data centers can establish facilities without community input.

The closure reflects broader challenges facing cryptocurrency mining operations, Searcy noted, stating:

As Bitcoin prices have fluctuated and energy costs have risen. Similar facilities across Appalachian communities have faced resident complaints about noise and environmental impacts.

Wolfe County, with a population of about 7,000, lacks specific noise ordinances governing industrial operations, allowing companies to operate with minimal local oversight.

Public hearing set to air tax rate proposal

The Wolfe County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 11, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' comments regarding a proposal by the Court to adopt a county property tax rate for 2026.

The tax rate levied last year was 7.8 cents per $100 and produced revenues in the amount of $211,693.

The Fiscal Court proposes adopting the same tax rate of 7.8 cents per $100 for 2026 which would produce a total of $234,385 in revenues, with the revenue received in excess of last year's revenue to be used for Courthouse maintenance and repairs.

The state also allows adoption of a lower compensating rate (designed to produce roughly the same amount of revenues as the previous year) which this year would be 7.5 cents per $100 and would produce revenues in the amount of $225,370.

The hearing is scheduled Tuesday, August 11, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wolfe County Courthouse.

Conserve water request issued

The City of Campton is asking water customers across Wolfe County to conserve water usage due to concerns about drought conditions and shrinking reservoir levels at Wolfe Lake, the water district's main supply source.

Residents are encouraged to take steps to reduce water usage, including limiting unnecessary indoor and outdoor water use.

City officials say community cooperation is important to help maintain water supplies and avoid more serious issues if dry conditions continue.

The critical nature of the supply situation has been recognized by the Kentucky Division of Water which is continuing to monitor the system.

It Pays To Advertise In The Wolfe County News

Crafting night at Wolfe Co. Library

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are fun times for adults at the Wolfe County Public Library. On Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. is crafting night with different crafts taught each night (except for the last Wednesday of each month when the Crochet Club meets). Line dancing classes taught by Jennifer Harris are offered at the library on Tuesday evenings. Come on out and join the fun—Dancing, every Tuesday nigh and crafting on Wednesday evenings.

Wolfe Countians Against Drugs

Recovery Rally Set Sept. 20

Attention Vendors

We're excited to announce our Recovery Rally in honor of National Recovery Month. The rally is set for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Campton City Park.

We're looking for informational vendors from organizations that support individuals and families affected by substance use disorder who want to share their knowledge, connect with the community and help break the stigma around addiction, i.e. recovery programs, mental hearth services, support groups, educational organizations, health care providers, community resource groups, edtc.

Please contact Emily Getchell, 860-389-4343 or 606-668-6538) to reserve your vendor space or for more information.

Together, we can celebrate recovery, spread hope, and build a stronger, healthier community. Let's make this year's Recovery Rally lhe best one yet! ·.

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