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



FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS NOW ON SALE



The 2026 Swift Silver Mine Festival T-shirts are on sale. For info, contact Red River Graphix.

Vendors are sought for Sept. 20 Recovery Rally

Wolfe Countians Against Drugs is excited to announce its 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. Informational vendors that support individuals and families affected by substance use disorder, connect with the community and help break the stigma around addiction are invited to participate and can contact Emily Getchell, 860-389-4343 or 606-668-6538) to reserve vendor space. or for more information.

Deaton Reunion set Sunday, Sept. 6th

The Johnnie and Donna Deaton Family Reunion is scheduled Sunday, September 6, at 12:30 p.m. at the Wolfe County Senior Citizens Building. Bring a dish to pass. Come and enjoy the evening with us!

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.

2026 Swift Silver Mine Festival



Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 4, 5, 6, 2026
Campton, Ky.

Crafting, line dancing 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.

Dist. Rally this Sunday at First Church of God

Campton First Church of God will host the East Kentucky Rally of the Kentucky Church of God this Sunday, Aug. 16, at 5:30 p.m. Jeff White will be the speaker with singing by the Peace of Bluegrass singers. For more information, call 859-274-8460 or frerichsterry@gmail.com

Ladies Afternoon Tea at First Baptist Church

Campton First Church will be the scene of a special Ladies Afternoon Tea on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. hosted by Heather Graham, who recently visited London's oldest tea shop during a visit to England. Official English afternoon tea recipes will be available. Ladies, please bring tea sandwiches, cookies, scones, or other treats and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fine tea.

Fyffe and Ball family reunion is Sept. 5th

The Fyffe and Ball family reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 5, in the Index Community Church in West Liberty. The reunion will start at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish and join us! All family and friends are welcome.

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

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

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.

Taxpayer's Notice

The 2025 Wolfe County mineral tax bills are now due and payable at the Sheriff's Office. Tax bills paid after September 30 are subject to a 5% . Payments made after November 15 are subject to a 20% county attorney's fee, a 10% county clerk's fee and additional 10% sheriff's fee. Collection dates and discounts. See sheriff's official notice on page 5 for full details.

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2026 SWIFT SILVER MINE FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN CAMPTON, KY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
5PM: CARNIVAL
CONTINUES UNTIL SATURDAY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
6:30PM: MS WOLFE CO PAGEANT
WCHS GYM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
4:30PM: KICKOFF CEREMONY
MAIN STREET STAGE
5-7PM: LINE DANCING
MAIN STREET
5-7PM: CAMPTON CLASH SSMS 2
MILL ST. GRASSY AREA
7-7:30PM: LITTLE DEBBIE SNACK EATING CONTEST (WCMS 8TH GRADE)
MAIN STREET
8-11PM: MAIN STREET MUSIC
MAIN STREET STAGE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
9AM: PANCAKE BREAKFAST
EXTENSION OFFICE
10AM: PARADE LINEUP
WCHS
11AM: PARADE
TOWN
12:30PM: VETERAN'S CEREMONY
VETERAN'S WALL
12:30-2: LOW STIMULATION CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
MILL STREET GRASSY AREA
1-1:45: MAGIC SHOW
MAIN STREET STAGE
2-4PM: FREE GAMES
MILL STREET GRASSY AREA
2-11PM: MAIN STREET MUSIC
MAIN STREET STAGE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
9AM-12PM: CAR SHOW REGISTRATION
MAIN STREET
12-2PM: CAR SHOW
MAIN STREET
1PM-TBA: MUSIC
COURT STREET STAGE
2PM: CAR SHOW JUDGING
MAIN STREET
3PM: CAR SHOW AWARDS
MAIN STREET



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Fiscal Court adopts ordinance to regulate data centers in Wolfe

An ordinance regulating and restricting the construction and operation of data centers in Wolfe County has been approved and adopted by the Wolfe County Fiscal Court.

The action follows the recent closing of a controversial data collecting facility in the Rogers community.

The Wolfe County data center, a Bitcoin information mining facility operated by Artemis Power Tech, opened about three years ago at a site

on Ky. 1036 without public notice to residents. It's closure came on the heels of a slow down in the Bitcoin market, according to sources.

During the period it was in operation, nearby residents complained of a constant, annoying industrial hum emanating from the facility.

The closure reflects a broader challenge facing residents throughout the nation who complain of excessive noise and express fears that data

centers will mean higher electricity rates and water costs and environmental problems for their communities.

The ordinance recognizes the Fiscal Court's "obligation to the citizens of Wolfe County to protect the availability of certain infrastructure, including but not limited to water supply and electric supply.

The ordinance, published as required by law, is printed elsewhere in this week's edition.



Mountain Horse Celebration Winner Trained By Deuce's Wild Stables

GHS's "Play It Again" won the Open Mountain Horse Stake and Championship Class at the Kiwanis Club Mountain Horse Celebration held August 1 in West Liberty.. Shown by Cheryl Adkins. trained by Deuce's Wild Stables of Campton, Ky., and owned by Dale Onu, of Winamac, Ind. Pictured left to right are rider Cheryl Adkins, Morgan County Sorghum Queen Chloe Dye, Morgan County Distinguished Young Woman Olivia Murphy, Deuce's Wild Stables representative, and Ringmaster Dalton Howard. *Photo By Kathy Gullett*

Denniston files to fill vacancy on schl .board

A vacancy on the Wolfe County School Board following the retirement of longtime Dist. 2 board member Danny Linkous has been resolved.

Garrett Denniston, who was appointed by the board to fill the vacant seat on an interim basis in order to maintain a voting quorum, has filed as a candidate to fill out Linkous' unexpired term. Denniston will be unopposed for the Dist. 2 seat at the November 3 general election.

The deadline to file for that seat was Tuesday, August 11.

Also appearing on the Nov. 3 ballot will be races for School Board Dist. 4 and School Board Dist. 5. Candidates for the Dist. 4 seat are Eddie Rose and Julie Hendrix. Dist. 5 candidates are Dillon Donathan and Jason Christopher.

—Angelica Fraley

City moves for release of funds for water project

The City of Campton on Monday filed procedural requirements necessary for the release of funds to improve the county water system operated by the City.

On or about August 31, the City of Campton will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

KY 715 Water Line Replacement Project Phase 1 — Remove an aging and degraded water main that spans along KY Hwy. 715 from the new Pine Ridge Tank to Big Andy Ridge Rd.)

Storms, flooding hit area counties

Severe storms passed through this area in the late afternoon and early evening hours of Tuesday, Aug. 11. The weather system brought torrential rain and high winds, and tornado warnings were issued throughout the area. Many roads were blocked by fallen trees and Licking Valley RECC reported as many as 1,700 outages throughout the co-op's service area. At press time Wednesday, more severe storms and flash flooding were forecast for this area.

Conserve water alert remains in effect

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.

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