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Look What's  
Coming Up  
In Wolfe Co. &  
Around The Area



## Mark Bishop Concert at Torrent Ch. Feb. 16

You are invited to enjoy Mark Bishop in concert at the Torrent First Church of God on Sunday February 16 at 11 AM. Free and open to the public.

## Local Planning Committee Meeting

The Wolfe County Schools' Local Planning Committee will meet on Monday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wolfe County Middle School Library. The meeting is an orientation meeting for the committee and is one of a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for the Wolfe County Schools. The public is invited.

## Wolfe Co. Republican Party precinct election

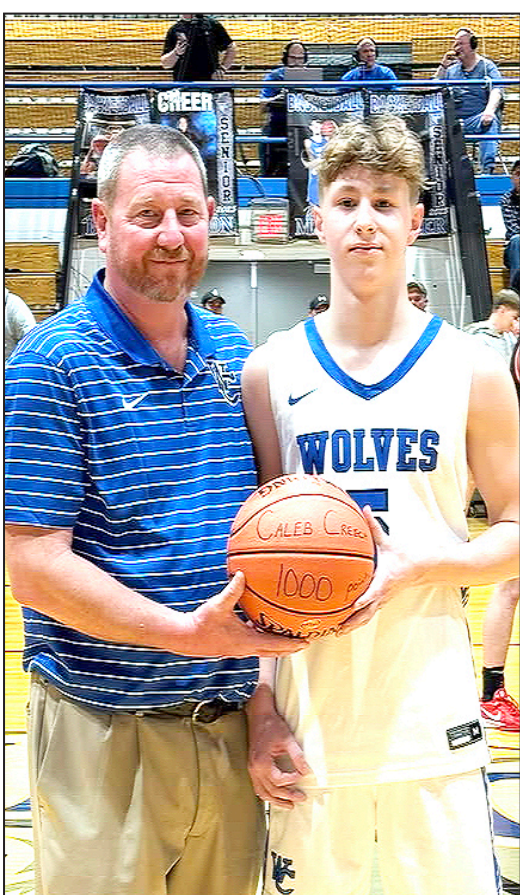
The Wolfe County Republican Party will hold Precinct Committee Elections Tuesday, February 18, at the Wolfe County Fiscal Courtroom, to elect local Republican Party officers for four-year terms. The meeting will start with registration at 5:30 p.m. All Republicans who were eligible to vote in the 2024 General Election are eligible to participate. See official announcement of meeting elsewhere in this edition for full details.

## Quilts of Valor Award ceremony slated Mar. 1

On Saturday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m., the Morgan County Chapter of the National Quilts of Valor will conduct an award ceremony honoring three Wolfe County veterans for their service to the country. They are Garry Banks, Jerry Cable, and Raymond Hurst, each of whom will be presented with a handmade quilt. The presentation will be conducted at the Wolfe County American Legion Hall. The Morgan County Quilts of Valor chapter would like to help organize a Wolfe County chapter. Any local quilters who might be interested in this honorable endeavor is urged to please make plans to attend the ceremony.

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## Hitting The Thousand Mark for the Wolves

Congratulations to Wolfe County High junior, Naoma Noble, left, and sophomore Caleb Creech, right, for hitting the 1,000 mark in recent action on the hardwood. Naoma collected her 1,000th rebound for the Lady Wolves in a game against Powell County last week and Caleb scored his 1,000th point for the Wolves in a game against Morgan County. Each was presented their game ball by their coaches, Gary Brown and Robert Scott Creech, in honor of their achievements.

## Reflections of a Country Editor

### OLD MEMORIES - BEST MEMORIES

While enjoying our Saturday morning breakfast of wheat pancakes. I had the choice of three brands of Syrup; one sugar free, one with maple flavor and one with buttery flavor. I made the remark to my wife, how as a child we purchased much of our groceries from Uncle Delmer Lykins' country store, a half mile from my home. Now Uncle Delmer stocked any kind of syrup you wanted so long as it was Bob White or Karo Brand. He also stocked any kind of orange juice you would want, as long as it was Donald Duck Sweetened or Unsweetened.

Being a small country store and given the times, the 1950's, we counted ourselves lucky to have a store so close to home. I remember two of the best tasting candy bars, Smooth Sail and Red Sail. The Smooth Sail was dark chocolate with nougat and peanuts, and came in a blue wrapper with sailboat, hence the name. The Red Sail was milk chocolate with nougat and peanuts, and came in a red wrapper with a sailboat.

Louise and I discussed the limited choices we had back then as compared with today's supermarkets and super centers. Recently we were at Wal-Mart, Louise was looking for a curly shampoo. Instead of my Uncle Delmer's any brand you wanted as long as it was Halo, there was a wall with several shelves all lined with different brands and types of shampoos and other hair products.

Now having a choice is nice, but I sometimes think we have too many choices.

Getting back to Uncle Delmer's store, one of my fondest memories is of walking up to the store with Dad, after supper. It was the local gathering center for locals. My cousins and I would play out front of the store. The area was illuminated by the light suspended on a

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## Pres. Trump's executive orders could impact Boone Forest employees

President Trump's executive order aimed at cutting wasteful spending by the federal bureaucracy has raised concern that park rangers at the Daniel Boone National Forest could be affected by possible personnel reductions.

At issue is Trump's request that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the Forest Service, provide a list of all new employees. This request asks all federal agencies to provide a list of their employees on probationary periods, meaning federal workers who have served less than a year at a job and, for some service appointments, less than two years.

A Agriculture Department

spokesperson said the Daniel Boone National Forest has 24 employees in a probationary status and that the department is reviewing all executive orders to determine how soon they can be implemented. The spokesman did not provide a direct time.

There is a fear that with the federal government asking which workers have been employed the least amount of time and which would like to accept deferred resignations, that cuts could impact the 24 probationary employees at Daniel Boone Forest. However, there are no executive orders at this time calling for cuts to the Forest Service.

## Scene on Main Street - circa 1958



Main Street scene in Campton - circa 1958. Can you identify these gentlemen? Photo courtesy Jennifer Oliver

## Commissioners get progress report at February meet

Campton City Commission met in regular session Tuesday, Feb 4, with all members — Mayor Kathi May and Commissioners Chris Campbell, Jason Banks, Lisa Terrell, and Jake Denniston — in attendance.

During the session, commissioners heard a progress report from Kentucky River Area Development District on the city's ongoing and planned improvement projects, including:

- City of Campton water line and storage. Nesbitt Engineering has submitted all final paperwork required to close out the project.

- Water Loss Mitigation: Hazel Green Booster Pump Station. Bell Engineering is proceeding with project following pre-construction meeting in September.

- Campton-Wolfe Lake Recreational Trails Project is underway and progressing.

- Campton Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Application for Appalachian Regional Commission funds totaling \$1,857,600 has been submitted. That amount is part of \$2,053,899 that were previously approved for the project.

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement project. All funding, totaling \$3,588,000, has been approved. Bell Engineering is the prime contractor.

- Ky. 715 Water Line Replacement Phase 1: Project is awaiting ARC approval for funding. Funding application for Ky. 715 Water Line Replacement Phase 2 has been submitted. Nesbitt Engineering is the contractor.

- Campton Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project: Funding has been approved and preliminary work and surveying have already begun. The \$935,000 previously approved for this project will be supplemented by a local match of \$1,851.

- Secondary Water Source: Work continues to identify problems with water discoloration within the water system.

- City of Campton Waterline Replacement Phase 1: Application has been submitted for funding. Total cost will be \$3,602,000.

There are numerous other city improvement projects in various stages of completion. Citizens interested in learning what is going on in city government are invited to attend City Commission meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

—C. D. Long

## Fiscal Court in routine session

The Wolfe County Fiscal Court met in regular session Tuesday, Feb. 11, with Judge Executive Raymond Banks, Magistrates Arthur Vest, Gene Booth, and Billy Banks, Clerk Corrina Groves, and County Attorney Stephen Johnson in attendance.

With only routine items on the agenda, the Court approved the following actions —

- Approved a salary increase for Stacy Usher, Director of Wolfe County Citizens United Against Drugs, Motion to approve by Magistrate Vest, seconded by Magistrate Booth.

- Approved the Sheriff's fee settlement in the amount of \$48,003.50. Motion to approve by Magistrate Vest, seconded by Magistrate Banks.

- Accepted the Wolfe County 4th Quarter Report on the motion of Magistrate Banks, seconded by Magistrate Vest.

- Accepted the Wolfe County Public Properties report on funds received and disbursed for the the Judicial Center.

- Approved payment of all current accounts.

—C. D. Long, Editor

## Letters



### WHY NOT A BIRTHDAYS COLUMN?

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the continued publication of our hometown newspaper following the passing of our beloved J.B. Stampfer. Through some very hard times you have managed to keep it alive and affordable to the public. My request is simply the addition of an announcement section for birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, and new baby arrivals, weddings, etc. I hope my suggestion is not imposing and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Oliver  
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Thank you, Brittany. Great suggestion. Let's see how it goes. As per your suggestion, watch for a new Wolfe County News column to run periodically to include birthdays, anniversary notices, etc. Interested readers can give us a call at 668-3595 or email: wolfe@mrcc.com to list an item. Be sure to include dates.

—C. D. Long, Editor

### 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

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