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

Library to hold public meeting to discuss best use for grant funds

The Wolfe County Public Library will host a Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, to solicit comments from the public on how best to apply a \$10,000 grant from ALA to assist in the renovation of the library building. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be provided, and all are invited to attend.

End of Year Science event for Kiddies May 19 at Library

The Wolfe County Library has scheduled a free two-hour science event from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19 at the Library. Two hours of fun science experiments. See mento and soda explode. Play with water vortex cannon and make bubbles fog with Boo Bubbler. See see Elephant Toothpaste. End of year science celebration. Bring the kiddies and watch the fun.

Retired Teachers to meet Tuesday, May 13

Wolfe County Retired Teachers Association will be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Campton Methodist Church. Members and all retired teachers are invited to join us for wonderful fellowship, and good food. I encourage all retired teachers, if you have not already, join KRTA (Kentucky Retired Teachers Association).
Bernice Elam
President of. WCLRTA

Revival set at House of Prayer May 11-13

Pastor Craig Centers invites everyone to attend a Revival Sunday, May 11, thru Wednesday, May 14, at the House of Prayer with Evangelist DeMikale Knowles. The revival will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 11; and 7 p.m. from Monday through Wednesday. The House of Prayer is located at 126 Lawson Ridge Road, in Wolfe County, Rt 746, 8 mile marker from Campton. Everyone is welcome.

Car, tractor, motorcycle show slated May 24th

The Hazel Green Food Project will sponsor a Car, Tractor and Motorcycle Show May 24. Entry fee \$15.00. Free to the public. For more information, call 606-662-4344.

Public Hearing set Tuesday, May 15th

The Wolfe County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Wolfe County Courthouse. The purpose of this hearing is to provide general information to the public regarding the use of USDA Rural Development grant funds for the purchase of a police cruiser for the Wolfe County Fiscal Court. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic impact, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

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Renovation Begins On Business Building

This business building located at the corner of Main and Marion streets in downtown Campton is being renovated—again, for the second time in the past year. After extensive renovations were completed last year, the building, owned by John and Kathi May, sustained heavy damage when a large box truck driven by an out-of-state driver crashed into it on the night of September 6. After a considerable amount of time, pending an insurance settlement, the property owners have begun work restoring the building for a second time to a safe and usable condition. We wish John and Kathi better luck this time. — Editor

LION V-Force turnout gear named as “Coolest Thing Made in Kentucky”

Beats Tx. Roadhouse Mini Rolls to win manufacturing contest

FRANKFORT, KY – LION Group Inc.’s V-Force turnout gear for firefighters, which protects American and international firefighters and is manufactured in the Kentucky communities of West Liberty, Beattyville, and Hazel Green, has won the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers’ “KAM 2025 Coolest Thing Made in Kentucky Tournament Presented by Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance” in a two-month long

tournament that garnered more than 320,000 votes.

LION V-Force turnout gear defeated Texas Roadhouse Mini Rolls, made by T. Marzetti Company in Horse Cave, Kentucky, by a 57%-43% margin in the Tournament finals that concluded Sunday.

“Since 1957, Kentuckians have been sewing and distributing LION’s high-performance uniforms and protective garments to first responders around

the world. But our history is not just about nearly 70 years of sewing products in Kentucky; it’s about the dedication, passion, creativity, and hard work of our more than 600 Kentucky-based manufacturing team members,” said Steve Schwartz, CEO and fourth-generation family owner of LION Group. “They hand-sew each set of V-Force turnout gear we ship to firefighters that protects

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KY 1261 in Wolfe County to be closed May 14-15

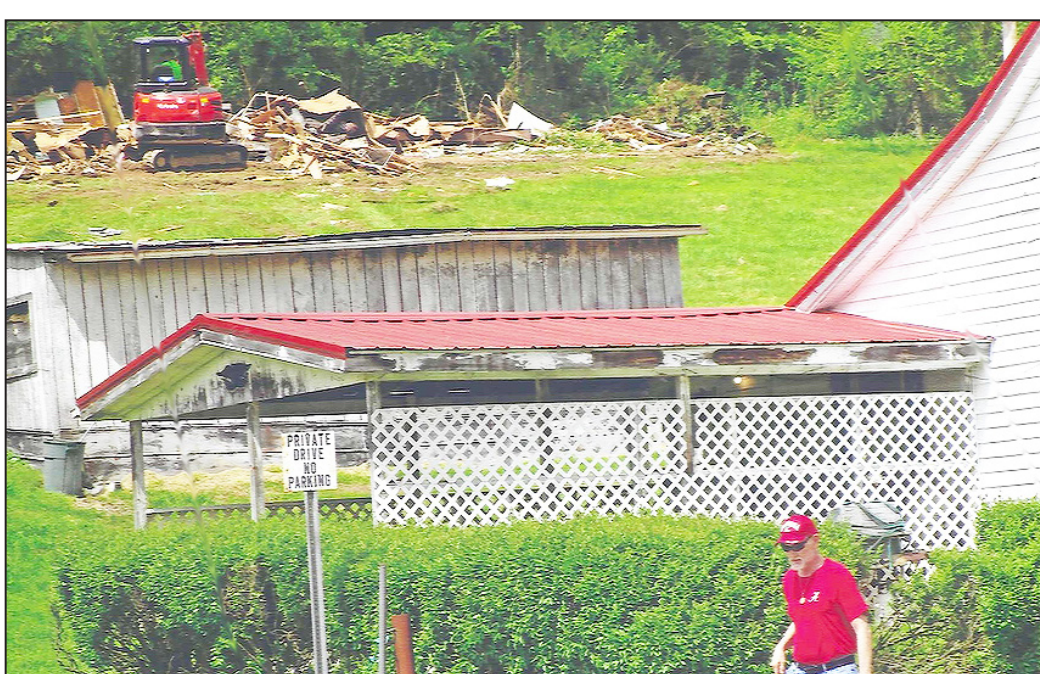
JACKSON, Ky. – Drivers who use KY 1261 near Bethany in Wolfe County will need to find an alternate route on Wednesday and Thursday, May 14-15. The road will be closed at milepoint 2.1 for installation of a drainage pipe. Work will begin at 8 a.m. on May 14 and should be completed by 4 p.m. on May 15. The road will be closed to all traffic during this time, including during the overnight hours.

This location is just north of KY 15.

No marked detour will be posted. Drivers can use KY 15, KY 191, and KY 1812 through Campton as an alternate route to avoid the closure.

In case of inclement weather, the closure may be postponed until another suitable date.

Fewer than 265 vehicles use this section of KY 1261 each day.



Eyesore Removed at Old Campton Burying Ground

Bryan Faulkner and his Solid Waste Removal crew were caught on camera removing another eyesore, above—this one an abandoned mobile home, right, that had been a blight on the landscape near the Old Campton Burying Ground for quite sometime. In addition to being abandoned, it had also been smashed by the impact of a fallen tree. Faulkner’s crew worked a full day on moving this eyesore. Those familiar with Campton will know the mobile home was located just over the hill from the grave of Abraham Lincoln’s uncle in the Old Campton Burying Ground. Bryan and his crew over the past couple years have eradicated many eye sores, such as illegal garbage dumps. He and his crew deserve a big hand of applause. Citizens can help the solid waste crew keep our county nice looking by refraining from creating such eyesores. — Editor



Transportation Cabinet makes license renewal options available

By Tom Latek
Reprinted From
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 1—New remote renewal-based licensing alternatives will provide Kentuckians opportunities to “Skip the Line” and avoid waiting at Driver Licensing Regional Offices across the state, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced on Thursday.

Options are now available using online, in-office and mail-in renewal forms.

In recent months, Kentucky’s licensing offices have experienced significant increases of in-office visits as customers come to renew a license, obtain a REAL ID or take advantage of free vision screenings now required by law.

The Transportation Cabinet has been adding staff, implementing new line-management technology and adjusting procedures to make it easier for many customers to return to remote renewal options and avoid unnecessary waits.

Those “Skip the Line” renewal options include:

- For those who can, visit an eye specialist, ask for a vision screening form and upload it to renew online at DLRenewal.ky.gov.
- Visit a licensing office, get a vision screening, receive a passcode, then return home to renew online at DLRenewal.ky.gov.
- Visit a licensing office, get the vision screening, fill out a renewal form on site without waiting and receive a temporary license via email.
- Renew by mail: Print and fill out the mail-in form

at Drive.ky.gov and attach a completed vision form from an eye specialist.

“We understand the frustration of lines and want everyone to know what’s available to save them the time and hassle of unnecessary waits,” said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray.

Some customers might still need to visit licensing offices if they:

- Need to upgrade to or apply for a REAL ID.
- Change the address, marital status or photo on their license.
- Need a CDL, hearing or noncitizen services.
- Are a new Kentucky driver, and need a permit or license after passing a Kentucky State Police-administered test.

The Transportation Cabinet is also reminding Kentuckians that this is not a deadline, but a federal enforcement date. Customers can still get one any time after that date and they have other options.

Man sentenced in Wolfe Circuit Court for crimes against child

CAMPTON, Ky., May 5 — Weston James Lumbard was sentenced by Judge Lisa Whisman in Wolfe Circuit Court to 25 years in prison for crimes against a child.

Lumbard, a Virginia resident, was convicted of 2nd degree rape, procuring/promoting use of a minor by electronic means, unlawful transaction with a minor 1st degree, and conspiracy to kidnap a minor.

Lumbard must serve 85% of his sentence before he will be eligible for parole. He will also have to complete the sex offender treatment program while incarcerated and will be a lifetime registrant of the Kentucky Sex Offender Registry.

This case was investigated by Detective Justin Flannery and Trooper Austin Miller with Kentucky State Police Post in Morehead. Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Amanda Kash Hampton was lead prosecutor for Wolfe County, assisted by Commonwealth Attorney Miranda King, Victims Advocate Bridget Morton and Commonwealth’s Detective Steve Thomas.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Hampton stated, “I have no doubt that the actions of the victim’s parents, Trooper Austin Miller and Detective Justin Flannery saved a child’s life.”

Funds awarded for Gal Branch road repair

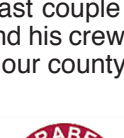
JACKSON, Ky., May 6 — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet today announced that the Wolfe County Fiscal Court will receive \$29,940 in County Road Aid emergency funds for repair of a drainage structure on Gal Branch Road (CR 1040).

“The structure is located 1.023 miles southwest of Clark Branch Road.

The Wolfe County Fiscal Court is responsible for administering the work.



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