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KY 77 in Menifee County to reopen to one-lane traffic Friday, June 20

Work to repair major pavement break will continue thru nextweek

JACKSON, Ky. – KY 77 in the Red River Gorge in Menifee County, which had been closed since late winter between mile-points 1 and 2 due to a major pavement break, will reopen to one-lane traffic on Friday, July 20.

However, work will continue at the site through the following week, resulting in traffic delays. In addition, a daytime closure will be necessary one day next week to facilitate the repairs.

The break is located just north of the KY 715 intersection, on the hill descending from Tarr Ridge into the Red River Gorge.

Drivers should use extreme caution in this area, be alert for workers and equipment, and yield to oncoming traffic.

Approximately 230 vehicles use this section of KY 77 each day.

Kratom: addictive and no alternative to illegal opiates

All over the US, there is a major problem with Kratom and Opiate Alkaloids. People think they are buying a safe alternative to opiates, but in fact they are consuming a very addictive drug. Kratom is an extremely addictive opioid alkaloid that can entice a very wide range of buyers. This addictive substance can be bought at convenience stores, head shops, vape shops, online, and even at designated Kratom bars. Purchasing anything at a store or online without knowing the underlying effects comes at a high price that can even cost you your life.

If you or a loved one are struggling with addiction, you are encouraged to seek help before it is too late.

To learn more about Kratom and effects visit: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/the-pros-and-cons-ofkratom.html>

Addiction Screenings
Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family by offering free screenings. If you need advice, you can call 1 (800) 431-1754 for a free screening or referral.



Wolfe County Schools Adds Two New Safer Buses

Wolfe County Schools this week announced the addition of two brand new 2025 school buses to its fleet. Designed with enhanced safety features to better protect students, the new buses include brighter LED lighting for increased visibility, a fully illuminated stop arm to catch drivers' attention, clearer identification as a school bus, even from a distance. The announcement noted: Wolfe County Schools is committed to making every ride to and from school as safe as possible. These upgrades help ensure that when our students are on the road — everyone notices.

Wolfe Schools recognized by U.S. Educ. Dept.

School officials here learned last Friday that the Wolfe County School District is featured in the official publication of the U.S. Department of Education in recognition of the district's recovery from the problems created by the Covid epidemic. Specifically, Wolfe County Schools led the nation's schools in Math and Reading on the department's Education Recovery Scoreboard.

Important notice regarding July 4th Fireworks parking

Due to ongoing construction and the installation of new turf fields, Wolfe County Schools has been advised by its insurance provider to restrict access to the Sports Complex and Campton Elementary School during the July 4th fireworks event.

In announcing the decision, the Board of Education stated, "We understand this may be an inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding as we work to protect our new facilities and ensure everyone's safety."

This year's fireworks display is being dedicated to the late Jerry Harris to commemorate his 46 years of service to the Wolfe County Volunteer Fire Department.

The event is sponsored by Dairy Queen and Wolfe County Tourism.

**Have A News Item To Report?
A Meeting to Announce?
Call Us - 668-3595 or 743-3551
email:**

Red River Gorge Scenic Byway named in survey as one of top summer solstice spots for 2025

Survey of 3,008 identifies America's best spots to witness summer solstice

Red River Gorge Scenic Byway emerged in #7 nationally.

Infographic showing the top location in each state to witness the sunrise this summer solstice.

Each June, the summer solstice marks the official beginning of summer - and gifts us the longest day of the year. It's a moment that invites stillness, reflection, and, for many people, an early-morning drive in search of the perfect sunrise. To celebrate the occasion, Gunther Mazda surveyed 3,008 people, asking:

Based on your own experience, where's the most breathtaking place to drive to and watch the sunrise on the summer solstice?"

One Kentucky spot emerged among the best in the country (in #7) to witness summer

solstice:

Red River Gorge Scenic Byway (Stanton to Slade)

Winding through the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest, this stretch of road offers a rugged, cinematic kind of beauty. As the morning mist lifts from the forest floor and sandstone cliffs catch the first rays of light, the gorge comes alive in shades of amber and gold. Pull off near one of the many overlooks and watch the sun rise above a wilderness that feels ancient and untouched.

"The summer solstice is the longest stretch of daylight we get all year - and there's no better way to make the most of it than getting behind the wheel and chasing the sunrise," says Joseph Gunther IV at Gunther Mazda. "These drives aren't just about the destination. They're about the early-morning roads, the changing light, and the sense of freedom that only a great drive can give you."

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Public Service Announcement Provided By Your Local Emergency Management Office

If someone you know is elderly or dependent on life-sustaining or health-related equipment such as a ventilator, respirator or oxygen concentrator, you should make plans now to ensure their needs are met during severe winter weather and possible power outages.

1. Help them stock a home disaster kit including a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, bottled water, non-perishable foods,

essential medicines, and extra blankets or sleeping bags.

2. Check on them after a storm or power outage. Register them, as a special needs customer with their utility so they will become a priority customer. Notify others who could provide help such as neighbors, relatives, nearby friends and local emergency responders such as the fire department.

3. Have a list of emergency numbers readily available.

4. Have a standby generator or an alternative source of power available. Be aware of the safety rules for its use.

Ambulance service addressed by Court

The Wolfe County Fiscal Court discussed problems concerning local ambulance service at its monthly meeting Tuesday but could find no solution. The discussion ensued following a complaint brought before the Court by a representative of Wolfe County Health an Rehabilitation Center but no solution was found and the matter was tabled for further consideration.s

The meeting was called to order by Judge Executive Raymond Banks with all members — Magistrates Arthur Vest, Gene Booth, and Billy Banks, County Clerk Corrina Groves, Assistant County Attorney Scott Graham—in attendance.

Actions taken included:

The county budget for 2025-26 was given its second reading, amended and passed on motion by Magistrate Gene Booth, seconded by Magistrate Billy Banks.

A resolution to accept an Energy Efficiency Grant of \$300,000 was approved to install new windows and solar panels at the Courthouse.

The appointment of Sarah Gibbs to the Wolfe County Library Board was approved.

Before adjourning, the Court also:

- Adopted a memorandum of understanding between the Court and the Pine Ridge Industrial Board to sell five acres of land to the board, pending availability of funding.

- Approved a plan to construct a website for the Sheriff's Office.

- Approved a motion to update the county's Administrative Code.

- Approved Treasurer Porter Harris' financial report for April and May

- Approved payment of outstanding bills.

— C. D. Long

County awarded grant to reduce energy costs

Funds will be used to install windows, solar panels on courthouse

Wolfe County will share in a \$2.23 million grant announced last week by Gov. Andy Beshear to help local governments reduce energy costs. The funding through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program provides local governments with funding for projects that address needs unique to their community, said Beshear. "By providing the resources for these projects, we allow local governments to spend their money in other areas that ultimately improve the lives of Kentucky families and the communities they live in."

Wolfe County will receive a \$384,570 grant to replace windows and install solar panels on the county courthouse.

"We are very excited to begin this project," said Bryan Faulkner, solid waste coordinator for the county. "The courthouse is a landmark in our community. The main section was completed in 1917 and has remained largely unchanged since renovations in 1977. This project will help us reduce energy costs and ensure the sustainability of this historic building."

The City of Murray and the City of Glasgow also will receive grants under the program.

The EECBG program is funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is designed to assist state, local and tribal governments implement strategies to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency. The projects were selected through a competitive application process.

Photography contest to promote tourism

The Wolfe County Tourism Committee is sponsoring a Photography Contest to select photos of Wolfe County's many scenic attractions. The photos will be featured in the committee's upcoming marketing campaigns to inspire tourists to visit Wolfe County. Winning photos will be showcased at the Swift Silver Mine Festival.

Contest subjects include:

- Adventure- Epic outdoor thrills and unforgettable experiences.

- Favorite Places to Eat- Mouthwatering meals and cozy local spots.

- Best Hiking Trails- Scenic trails that take your breath away

- Best Rock Climbing Areas- Legendary climbs and hidden gems.

- Heart of Wolfe County- Culture, community, and local spirit.

- Scenic Views- Sunrises, sunsets, and everything in between.

Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- Local Youth Division (Under 18)

- Local Division (18+)

Top photos will be featured

in the Tourism Committee's marketing campaigns

How to Enter: Submission deadline is August 12 at 11:59 p.m. Send entries to- tourism@wolfecountyky.com with Subject line WCTC Photo Contest 2025.

For additional information, contact the Tourism Committee at wolfecountyky.com

DEADLINE NOTICE

All news items and advertisements that require publication the week of Friday, July 4, must be submitted early for the Friday, June 27, edition of The Wolfe County News.

There will be no paper the week of Friday, July 4, as Wolfe County News staff will be vacation beginning Monday, June 30, through Friday, July 5.

The publication deadline for The Wolfe County News remains Tuesday at 12 p.m. – Editor



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