

LOOKING BACK

Wilmore seeks to transform historic granary into museum

Staff Report

2009

Construction crews working on a road project at the new East Jessamine Middle School site uncovered an unexpected underground feature that drew local curiosity. What workers initially believed was a small sinkhole near the parking lot turned out to be part of a cavern discovered after additional digging several yards away.

Jessamine County officials spent much of the spring discussing how to address the cavern discovered near the construction site of East Jessamine Middle School. The Jessamine County Board of Education reviewed potential options for handling the issue as development continued near the campus.

In other news from that year, a suspicious device wrapped in duct tape with a fuse sticking out prompted authorities to close a Main Street service station for several hours after it was discovered inside a garage.

Jessamine County legislators also warned that a proposed four-cent reduction in the state gasoline tax could significantly harm road construction and maintenance projects across the region.

Nicholasville resident Josh Fayne also shared his story of overcoming drug addiction after reaching a turning point in his life during a court-mandated stay at the Hope Center rehabilitation program in Lexington. Fayne credited his recovery to faith and a renewed relationship with God.

School officials also

received an update about plans for a proposed connector road linking East Jessamine High School and the new East Jessamine Middle School campus as part of broader efforts to improve traffic flow and campus access.

Wilmore leaders continued pursuing the purchase of the historic Brunfield granary building, with plans to convert the structure into a transportation museum highlighting the city's rail and transportation history.

Nicholasville police were also investigating a string of burglaries at the Save-A-Lot store on Edgewood Drive. Investigators described the break-ins as unusual and believed the crimes may have been committed by a particularly prolific thief.

Elsewhere in the county, Jessamine County 4-H members earned top honors at the Ford Harrod Area 4-H Achievement Night held in Lincoln County, bringing home numerous awards for their work in project competitions.

School enrollment in Jessamine County Public Schools also continued to grow that year, rising 1.33 percent to a total of 4,513 students.

In sports, Lincoln County defeated East Jessamine 58-40 in the opening round of the 12th Region girls basketball tournament in Somerset, ending the Jaguars' season. East Jessamine also captured its third straight 46th District championship that year, overcoming foul trouble and holding off West Jessamine in the tournament finals.

Elsewhere, the Jessamine County Colts were defeated 49-41 in postseason play by the

Creekers, and West Jessamine swimmer Rebecca McGaughey placed fourth in the girls 200-meter freestyle at the Kentucky High School Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Kentucky.

1999

City leaders in Nicholasville began pushing for a revitalization of the downtown district through a proposed Main Street program. Residents, merchants and professionals packed the board room at City Hall to discuss ideas for improving the area.

Citizens Bank President Ben Brown told attendees he planned to approach other banks about working together to provide financing options for downtown redevelopment.

Elsewhere in Jessamine County, an explosion linked to construction work near a residential area caused damage to a home belonging to George Freitas. The blast cracked parts of the home's foundation after crews working less than 100 yards away detonated charges during road construction.

Officials also announced a public meeting to discuss the impact of the recently completed U.S. 27 Corridor Study on local comprehensive planning efforts.

A proposed residential subdivision north of Nicholasville also sparked debate among residents and local officials. More than 50 people attended a Nicholasville Planning Commission meeting at the Rosenwald-Dunbar Elementary School gym to hear discussion about the development and the possibility of annexing the property

into the city.

During the same period, Centre College celebrated the release of "Centre 100," a publication highlighting many of the college's most influential artists, musicians, writers and films of the 20th century.

1989

Jessamine County school officials outlined the qualities they hoped to find in a new superintendent following the acceptance of a two-page report summarizing the desired characteristics for the position. The document addressed leadership ability, professional experience and personal qualities needed to guide the district.

Nicholasville welcomed a new utilities director when Thomas P. Calkins, a 34-year-old Kansas native, was hired to oversee operations related to electric service, water and sanitary sewer systems.

Development was another major topic that year. The Nicholasville Planning Commission approved zoning for the E. Brown townhouse development and heard discussion regarding the future buildout of Orchard Park and Kimberly Road.

Property owners in the Jessamine Heights subdivision also worked to address long-standing concerns about drainage and potential flooding in the neighborhood, with efforts underway to improve water management in the area.

Jessamine County Schools expanded its fleet that year, adding seven diesel-powered school buses to replace older vehicles that had accumulated significant mileage and mechanical problems.

Nicholasville officials were

also informed that the city was eligible to receive \$12,000 in emergency aid to assist with cleanup and repairs related to flood damage.

1979

Education leadership changes made headlines when longtime Nicholasville Elementary School principal Floyd Hall announced plans to retire after 13 years in the position. The Jessamine County Board of Education also approved the appointment of three new principals across the county.

In public safety news, Nicholasville police officer Tommy Broach suffered a back injury when a police cruiser in which he was riding as a passenger was struck. Broach was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for X-rays following the crash.

Wilmore police also charged three juveniles in connection with a series of burglaries and thefts targeting homes, businesses and country stores throughout the Wilmore area.

Residents across Jessamine County also celebrated the preservation of Ebenezer Reformed Presbyterian Church, believed to be the oldest congregation in the county. The church was nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the business community, graphic designer Susan Jackson Keig was recognized for her work promoting and representing Jessamine County communities through professional design and marketing efforts.

1969

Traffic safety concerns

were prominent in Jessamine County after authorities reported 10 vehicle accidents on rural roads within a two-week period. Three people were seriously injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of Sugar Creek Pike and U.S. 27.

County officials also discussed the growing problem of abandoned junk cars and illegal garbage dumping along rural roads, noting the debris created hazards for motorists and detracted from the community's appearance. Magistrate Mary L. R. Courtney reported the issue during fiscal court discussions that year.

Records from Pleasant Hill Shaker Village showed that 10 natives of Jessamine County were among the residents who once lived in the historic Shaker community in Mercer County. Historical records indicated that four of those residents were teenagers, while another was just 11 years old when they joined the community in the 1800s.

The Wilmore Fire Department expanded its equipment that year with the purchase of a 1969 Ford American LaFrance pumper truck valued at \$24,000, strengthening the department's ability to respond to emergencies.

Military service was also a major topic of the time, as 14 Jessamine County residents were called for induction into the United States armed forces during a five-month period beginning Oct. 31.

County leaders also reappointed Cecil Perkins to serve on the Jessamine County Planning Commission following discussion among fiscal court magistrates about the appointment.

Public Notices

NICHOLASVILLE, KY

In order to comply with the orders of the Jessamine Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell the property described in actions found and described below in the Jessamine County Courthouse, Second Floor, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts set forth below plus interest and other costs as stated in the actions referenced. The sale of said property will be subject to the following terms and condi-

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tions: At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall be for the unpaid balance of the purchase price and bear interest at the rate the judgment bears, from the date of

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the sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. If the purchaser fails to pay the deposit or post a sufficient bond, the property will immediately be resold. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes and assessments upon the property for the current tax year and all subsequent years. The sale of the real estate shall be made subject to such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s), and all zoning and building regulations, restrictions,

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ordinances, easements, covenants, and rights-of-way, of record, or otherwise. The property shall be sold "As Is" "Where Is" and without warranty. Risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser upon execution of bond of sale or payment of the purchase price in full whichever occurs first. Possession of the real property will be given to the purchaser upon confirmation of the report of sale by the Jessamine Circuit Court, full payment of the purchase price plus any interest due, and delivery of a Commissioner's Deed to the purchaser.

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The property addresses contained herein are for convenience only. All properties will be sold pursuant to the legal description contained in the actions referenced herein. Further information regarding these sales, past sales, upcoming sales and FAQs can be found at www.JessamineMC.com.

SALE 1 - 801 Woodspointe Way, Wilmore, 24-CI-759 Judgment amt. \$103,223.25, Parcel ID# 024-30-18-005.00

SALE 2 - 121 Lindsey Drive, Nicholasville, 25-CI-61 Judgment amt. \$62,630.96, Parcel ID# 057-40-22-004.00. This property is being sold subject to mortgage to Fifth Third Bank in the amount of \$89,700.06 plus interest, costs, and fees.

Ellen L. Miller, Master Commissioner 102 West Maple Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 859-885-1550

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Jessamine County Fiscal Court on March 3, 2026 enacted an ordinance, the full text of which is available for public inspection in the office of the Jessamine County Clerk, Jessamine County Courthouse, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356. The Ordinance by title and summary is as follows: An Ordinance relating to: Approval of a Zone Map Amendment to re-zone 76.66 acres

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from A-1 to R-1V by Cassidy Family, LLC for properties located at 5100 & 5170 Harrodsburg Road

JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Jessamine Journal: Mar. 12, 2026 ORDINANCE 3.3.26

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Nicholasville Planning Commission will meet in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the Community Room of the Nicholasville Police Department, 717 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. The agenda will include the following:

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 2310 Lexington Road & a portion of 2340 Lexington Road. Zone Map Amendment from A-1(County), B-2(City) & P-1(City) to B-2 (Highway Residential District), B-1(Central Business District), R-1T (Townhouse Residential District) & R-1E (Single Family Residential District) for approximately 54.16 acres & Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 21.41 Acres. PVA Parcel #068-00-00-064.00 & portion of #068-00-00-065.00. Requested by Briar Hill Development, Saint Louis, MO.

LAND SUBDIVISION 2310 Lexington Road & a portion of 2340 Lexington Road. Request for approval of Final Development Plan, consisting of approximately 54.16 acres & a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 21.41 acres. PVA Parcel #068-00-00-064.00 & portion of #068-00-00-065.00. Requested by Briar Hill Development, St. Louis, MO.

3255 Lexington Road. Request for approval of Final Development Plan, consisting of approximately 32.63 acres. Portion of PVA Parcel #067-00-00-022.02. Requested by Madden KR, LLC, Lexington, KY 40580.

STAFF ITEMS Zoning Text Amendment

A copy of these applications, plats, zoning regulations, and amendments is available for public view in the Staff Offices of the Nicholasville Planning Commission, 517 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. (Office hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday)

John Quinn, Chairperson Nicholasville Planning Commission

Jessamine Journal: Mar. 12, 2026 MEETING 3.24.26

Advertisement for Jacuzzi Bath Remodel. Text includes: 'Safety. Style. Stress-Free Installation.' and 'Waiving All Installation Costs!'. Call number: 877.556.0251. Add'l terms apply. Offer subject to change and vary by dealer. Expires 3/30/25.

Advertisement for Generac generator. Text includes: 'It's not just a generator. It's a power move.' and 'Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.' Call number: 205-484-9766. Terms and Conditions apply.



Be prepared before the next power outage. 3255 Lexington Road. Request for approval of Final Development Plan, consisting of approximately 32.63 acres. Portion of PVA Parcel #067-00-00-022.02. Requested by Madden KR, LLC, Lexington, KY 40580.