

New book brings farm safety lessons to Kentucky classrooms

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. – A dog and his farm adventures will help teach Kentucky students about agriculture and farm safety during this fall’s All in for Ag Education Week, taking place Sept. 21-25.

More than 700 public elementary schools across the state will receive a copy of “Farm Adventures with Willie B.,” along with a Willie B. stuffed dog and standards-based literacy lessons for students in kindergarten through fifth

grade. Through Willie B.’s farm adventures, students are encouraged to think critically about making wise decisions while learning about Kentucky agriculture.

“There may not be a better way to get a child’s attention than with a good dog and a good story,” Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. “Willie B.’s farm adventures can teach students more about Kentucky agriculture and, just as importantly, how to stay safe around the farm.”

In real life, Willie B., an Australian Cattle dog, is the mascot for

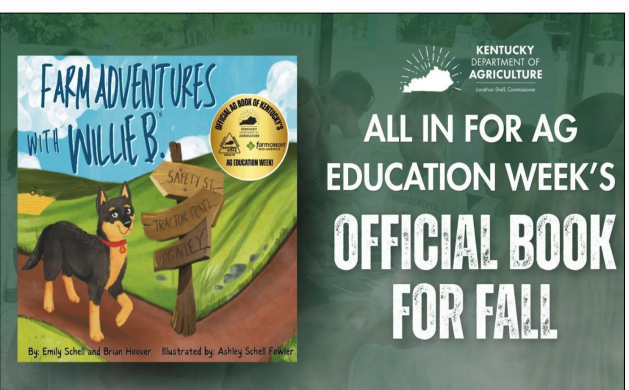
the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s (KDA) Raising Hope Program, which is a part of the Farm Safety and Rural Health Division that focuses on farm safety, farmer’s health, and farm rescue.

Willie B. first became part of Raising Hope through the late Dale Dobson, director of KDA’s Farm Safety and Rural Health Division. Dobson often brought Willie B. with him to Raising Hope events, where the dog quickly became a favorite among farmers, families, and children. That popularity eventually

earned Willie B. an unofficial role with KDA and a permanent place on the Raising Hope team.

Dobson, who passed away in July, was nationally recognized for his work in farm safety, health, and rescue. He helped build KDA’s farm safety program and spent decades working to protect Kentucky farmers and farm families. His likeness is featured in the book as “Farmer Dale,” allowing his legacy to continue reaching a new generation.

Farm safety will be the central theme of this year’s All in for Ag



Education Week, which coincides with National Farm Safety and Health Week, giving educators an opportunity to connect agriculture education with lessons that can help keep students and farm families safe.

All in for Ag Education Week is a col-

laborative effort among Commissioner Shell, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, and Kentucky Education Commissioner Robbie Fletcher to expand access to agricultural education across the state.

Kentucky invests \$14 million in childhood cancer research

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky Senate Majority Leader Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, shared Kentucky’s approach to childhood cancer research with an international audience, highlighting a decade of legislative action that has turned family advocacy into sustained state investment, expanded research and new opportunities for children facing cancer.

Wise spoke at the Childhood Cancer International Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas, held



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Kentucky Senate Majority Leader Max Wise

in conjunction with the International Society of Paediatric Oncology Conference. The conference brings together childhood cancer survivors, parents, advocates, health care professionals and organizations from

around the world to share strategies for improving outcomes for children and adolescents with cancer.

For Wise, the issue reaches far beyond his role in the legislature. His son is a long-term survivor of stage IV neuroblastoma,

an experience that has shaped Wise’s work on childhood cancer policy throughout his Senate service.

“When a doctor tells you your child has cancer, everything else in life gets very small very quickly,” Wise said. “Our family knows the fear that comes with that diagnosis, but we also know what research, exceptional medical care and hope can mean. I have carried that experience with me every time we have worked on this issue in Frankfort.”

Wise sponsored legislation in 2015 establishing the Kentucky Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund. The fund provides

a structure for supporting pediatric cancer research and treatment in Kentucky and is administered by a board established in state law.

What began with legislation has grown through sustained funding by the General Assembly. Kentucky first appropriated \$5 million to the trust fund in 2018, followed by additional investments in subsequent years. The 2024 Legislative Session resulted in \$14 million being allocated to the trust fund.

“Kentucky did not arrive here because of one bill, one budget or one person,” Wise said. “Parents who refused to accept the status quo came to Frankfort and

made lawmakers understand what was at stake. Researchers showed us what was possible. My colleagues in the General Assembly continued investing because we could see that those dollars were building something meaningful.”

The need remains significant, as Kentucky Cancer Registry data presented at the conference show 2,775 Kentucky children and adolescents were diagnosed with cancer from 2013 through 2022. The data also show Kentucky children had the fifth-highest cancer incidence rate compared with other states during the period examined.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT NOTICE OF BID

The Jessamine County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for Environmental Services Addition. Specifications are available at the Office of Jessamine County Judge/Executive, David K. West, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or at www.jessamineky.gov. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, October 12, 2026 at 11:00 am est., 10:00 am cst., at the Office of Jessamine County Judge/Executive, David K. West, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject or refuse any or all bids.

Jessamine County Fiscal Court

Jessamine Journal: Sept. 24, 2026

BIDS/ADDITION

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Jessamine County Fiscal Court on September 15, 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: Authorizing the Operation of "Street-Legal Special Purpose Vehicles" as Defined by KRS Chapter 186 on Highways and Streets in Jessamine County and Establishing Restrictions for Operation

JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Jessamine Journal: Sept. 24, 2026

ORDINANCE 9.15.26

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 24-P-249

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JOHN EDWARD NORMAN HAS FILED FINAL/FORMAL SETTLEMENT IN THE ESTATE OF NICOLE WILLS WITH DATE OF HEARING SET FOR October 22, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M. BEFORE THE JESSAMINE DISTRICT COURT, JESSAMINE COURTHOUSE ANNEX, NICHOLASVILLE KENTUCKY. UNLESS EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME, THE SETTLEMENT SHALL BE APPROVED, CONFIRMED AND RECORDED ACCORDING TO LAW.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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24-P-249

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-299

NOTICE is hereby given that Amy Kirkpatrick Hisel has qualified as administratrix of the estate of Richard Dewey Hisel, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 10, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Amy Kirkpatrick Hisel 187 Woodwalk Court Nicholasville, KY 40356

Or to her attorney, Mary Webb, 201 West Short Street, Suite 102, Lexington, KY 40507 no later than January 10, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal: Sept. 24, 2026

26-P-299

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-307

NOTICE is hereby given that Natalie Embry Durham has qualified as executrix of the estate of Lucian Dale Durham, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 3, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Natalie Embry Durham 109 Greystone Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to her attorney, Mart T. Miller, 17 Deercrossing, Nicholasville, KY 403565 no later than March 3, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal: Sept. 24, 2026

26-P-307

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-308

NOTICE is hereby given that Frankie M. Stivers has qualified as Executor of the estate of Janice Elaine Hukle, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 3, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by aw to the aforesaid Frankie M. Stivers, 537 Stone Creek Drive, Lexington, KY 40503 or to their attorney, McKenna Rose Roby, 120 N. Mill Street, Ste 201, Lexington, KY 40507 no later than March 3, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal: Sept. 24, 2026

26-P-308

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 22-P-195

NOTICE is hereby given that Esther Ruth Howard has qualified as executrix of the estate of Mary Glisson Hovey, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 3, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Esther Ruth Howard 62 Summertree Ct. Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than March 7, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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22-P-195

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-312

NOTICE is hereby given that Benjamin F. Brown has qualified as Executor of the estate of Sara Margaret Brown, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 3, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by aw to the aforesaid Benjamin Brown, 402 West Maple Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his attorney, Heather Warren, 108 West Maple Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than March 3, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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26-P-312

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-310

NOTICE is hereby given that Bethany Brown has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Bobby Gene Davis, Jr. deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 3, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by aw to the aforesaid Bethany Brown, 124 Olivia Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than April 3, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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26-P-310

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-313

NOTICE is hereby given that Scott Zoeckler has qualified as administrator of the estate of Margie Zoeckler, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 10, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Scott Zoeckler 108 Anderson Way Wilmore, KY 40390 no later than January 10, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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26-P-313

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Case Number 26-P-316

NOTICE is hereby given that Kimberly Stonerock has qualified as executrix of the estate of Kevin Wells deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 3, 2026.

All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by aw to the aforesaid Kimberly Stonerock, 805 Handys Bend Rd., Wilmore, KY 40390 not later than March 4, 2027.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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AV/11 JEEP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jessamine County Board of Elections will hold a meeting on October 1, 2026, at 10:00A.M. in the Jessamine County Clerk's Office, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356.

Johnny M. Collier, CJC
Jessamine County Clerk

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MEETING 10.1.26

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning Commission will meet in regular session Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30pm ET / 5:30pm CT in the second-floor courtroom of the Jessamine County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. The agenda will be as follows:

Old Business
Public Hearing – Pursuant to KRS 100.193 regarding the Statement of Goals and Objective for the 2026-27 Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Findings of Fact – Case #ZMA63 - Application for Zone Map Amendment to re-zone 5-acres from A-1 to I-1 by VBV Transport, LLC for a property located at TBD Scott Road, Jessamine County, KY (PVA ID: 048-00-00-060.00).

Public Notices

Case #B62 – Petition for Road Acceptance of Lawson Drive and the release of bond associated with the McCauley Estates and Kellington Subdivision

New Business

TA59 – Proposed Text Amendment to the Jessamine County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations repealing Cluster Development Standards.

TA85 – Proposed Text Amendment to the City of Wilmore Zoning Ordinance to create a Historic Overlay District

TA86 - Proposed Amendments to the Jessamine County Zoning Ordinance relative to Shared/Intergenerational Living Quarters and definitions relative to Dwelling Units.

Case #FP72 – Application for Major Subdivision final plat and acceptance of roadways for Unit 5 of Drake's Landing 23.14-acres zoned R1-V to create 23 lots submitted by Long Ridge Plantation, LLC for property located at 4470 Clays Mill Road Ext., Jessamine County, KY.

Case #CP76 – Application for Construction Plans of proposed Major Subdivision zoned R1-V submitted by Cassidy Family, LLC for property located at 5170 Harrodsburg Road, Jessamine County, KY.

Case #FP77 – Application for Major Subdivision final plat for 16.18-acres zoned R1-V to create 14 lots submitted by Turner Management, LLC for property located at 5447 Tates Creek Road, Jessamine County, KY.

Case #CP78 – Application for Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat and Construction Plans 67.50- acres to create 46 lots zoned R-1 submitted by iVD Sharkey, LLC for property located at 5364 Keene South – Elkhorn Road, Jessamine County, KY.

Other Business

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