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Wilmore council members experience night with fire department



WILMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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By Casey Roberts
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WILMORE — Two Wilmore City Council members recently got a firsthand look at the demands of firefighting during an evening with the Wilmore Fire Department.

Council member Sharon Moore and incoming council member Allison Clour spent the evening alongside firefighters, participating in hands-on training and accompanying crews on emergency calls.

Both women wore full personal protective equipment, including firefighting gear, and spent time inside the department's smoke training building. They also rode along with firefighters as crews responded to multiple emergency calls throughout the evening.

The experience gave Moore and Clour an opportunity to see the challenges firefighters face while protecting the community.

In a social media post, the Wilmore Fire Department thanked both council members for their willingness to participate and learn more about its operations.

"Opportunities like this help provide a better understanding of what our members do and

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NICHOLASVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honor guard members participate in Wilmore's Salute to Service at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in June. The three-day observance honored 250 veterans and included a recognition ceremony for first responders.

Jessamine County marked America 250 with months of celebrations

By Casey Roberts
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NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Jessamine County marked America's 250th anniversary with a series of observances that connected the nation's founding to local history, military service and community traditions.

The county's anniversary calendar stretched from spring tree dedications to a November history program. In Wilmore, the national anniversary coincided with the city's 150th anniversary, bringing added significance to its Salute to Service gathering and Fourth of July celebration.

The spring observance included the Liberty Tree project, part of a statewide effort to plant tulip poplars, Kentucky's state tree, in all 120 counties.

A tree dedicated April 19 at City/County Park in Nicholasville honors Revolutionary War patriots. A plaque photographed by the county records the dedication date and recognizes the Daughters of the

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Nicholasville plans fifth fire station with storm shelter

By Casey Roberts
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NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Nicholasville is preparing to build a fifth fire station on Wilmore Road, with plans calling for a storm shelter, firefighter living quarters and additional space for emergency vehicles.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2027, according to a Nov. 17 update on the city's website. The city is accepting qualifications from construction-management firms through 3 p.m. Nov. 30.

The new station would join a department operating from four locations across Nicholasville. The proposed building and related improvements are outlined in the city's request for qualifications for Fire Station 5.

The project calls for approximately 9,675 square feet of offices, decontamination space, dormitory and break areas, and apparatus bays. Plans include two pull-through bays and a storm shelter designed to meet ICC 500 construction standards.

A separate three-bay utility garage is also planned. Site work would include a new entrance from Wilmore Road, concrete drives, asphalt parking, landscaping, utility connections and a backup generator. An existing residence and driveway are scheduled for demolition.

The request lists a tentative design-completion date of Dec. 20. Its schedule anticipates substantial completion March 1, 2028, and final completion April 1, 2028.

The selected construction manager would work on both preconstruction planning and construction oversight. Responsibilities include reviewing designs, estimating costs, coordinating bid packages and supervising work at the site.

The management fee and schedule would be negotiated after selection, according to the request.

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KCAL showcase to support Jessamine youth experiencing homelessness

By Casey Roberts
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NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — An evening of gospel music Dec. 4 will raise money for a Jessamine County Schools program serving children experiencing homelessness, a need reflected in state records identifying 449 students in the district during the last school year.

The KCAL Gospel Showcase begins at 7 p.m. at East Jessamine High School's auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is free, with an offering collected for the district's Homeless Education Program for Children.

Jessamine County Schools is promoting the auditorium as a new venue for the showcase. Announced performers include the Moron Brothers, Heritage Boys Quartet, Nero's Fiddle, Faith Combs and Brother's Edge.

The event combines a holiday-season performance with support for students whose housing circumstances can create obstacles to attending and participating in school.

The Kentucky Department of Education's published count lists 449 Jessamine County students identified as homeless during the 2025-26 school year, from preschool through high school.

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