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a general alarm, his attempt was unsuccessful as the fire was doused with water.

“This man is the devil reincarnate,” Doc complained. “He’s trying to burn down the jail. We need more guards. Don’t you know the history behind Bad Talt Hall?”

“Oh, I was just trying to smoke out the Fox,” Hall jested, to no one in particular.

A Washington Post story on the eve of Hall’s hanging, September 1, 1892, blazoned “Talton Hall in High Glee, Facing

His Doom in Drunken Hilarity. He Pines for Vengeance. Hall, the mountain murder exhorts his sister to put three individuals out of the way and will announce their names from the scaffold.

“September 1, 1892 This is the last day on earth for Talton Hall, the Kentucky desperado and murderer of so many men and he is preparing to shuffle off in a gleeful manner. Liquor is constantly pouring down his throat. For two days he has been more or less under its influence and most any visitor is allowed to give him drink.

“It is predicted by many that he will cheat the gallows by committing

suicide tonight. His sister, Mrs. Bates, was in conference with him for a long time today. He told her there were men she must have “put away even if she has to sell all the cattle and feathers. He refused to give her the names saying he would do so from the scaffold.

“It is felt that Judge Skeen who sentenced him to death, private detective McBride who tricked him into surrendering in Memphis, and Doc Taylor would head the list. Doc Taylor was incarcerated awaiting a murder trial.

Bad Talt Hall did not sleep at all on the eve of his death. After refusing to eat the breakfast served

him at 6 AM, Hall requested more liquor. No one was allowed to see him that morning except a minister, guards and a reporter.

The Wise County gallows were constructed in a small square building with room for only about 50. They were usually reserved for attending doctors, preachers, reporters, sheriff, jailer and guards. Between 4,000 and 5,000 people were present. Very few witnessed the hanging as the gallows were enclosed but many waited in a lengthy line to view the corpse.

Prior to his hanging Talt Hall mounted the scaffold

with a firm tread. His sister soon followed and bid him goodbye as she stood on the trap door.

Sheriff Holbrook sprung the trap door and Hall, who faced death bravely, dropped six feet with the snap of the rope breaking his neck. In 17 minutes he was dead. The Cumberland Mountains would no longer echo with the thunderous blasts of his murderous guns.

The Fox could hear the hanging of Talton Hall. He watched his timepiece for nearly two minutes following Hall’s fall through the trapdoor and the snap of the rope. He then breathed a sigh of

relief before returning to his hammock and his Bible. Both of his enemies were dead.

Talton Hall’s body was taken by wagon to the Dunham Cemetery in Letcher County, Kentucky for burial. In reality he was buried elsewhere in a secret resting place to keep his many enemies from desecrating his grave.

Jadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer from Harrogate, Tn. His stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia.

# Game wardens crack down on illegal catfish harvesting

**By Tom Latek**  
*Kentucky Today*

Game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on Friday served multiple search warrants following a seven-month statewide investigation into the illegal commercial harvest and sale of catfish.

From Paducah to Ashland, Kentucky Game Wardens executed 10 search warrants as part of “Operation River Raid,” a coordinated statewide enforcement effort. The investigation focused on individuals and entities

suspected of violating state law governing commercial fishing and the sale of wildlife.

Fish and Wildlife officials say the investigation remains active and ongoing. Further details, including the names of those facing charges along with evidence seizures, will be released at a later date.

Illegally harvesting wildlife threatens Kentucky’s natural resources, undermines lawful commercial and recreational fishing, and harms the economic stability of local communities.

“We will not allow the

illegal exploitation of resources inhabiting Kentucky’s rivers and lakes to go unanswered,” said Col. Jeremy McQueary, director of Law Enforcement for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “This operation demonstrates our commitment to protecting both the resource and the public who depend on it. I am very proud of the dedication of our game wardens and their relentless effort to protect our state’s wildlife.

“I’m also grateful for the help of other agency staff and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney

General who assisted in this complex operation, and the public for its ongoing support in protecting Kentucky’s natural resources.”

This case remains under investigation, according to Fish and Wildlife officials, and members of the public who may have any information regarding illegal fishing activity are encouraged to report it through the Kentucky Wildlife Tip Line at 1-800 25 ALERT or via the KFWLaw App using Tip411.

## Car, body discovered in Ohio River in Morganfield

**By Tom Latek**  
*Kentucky Today*

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) at the Henderson Post are continuing its investigation after a vehicle and human remains were discovered in the Ohio River near a boat ramp off Dike Lane in Morganfield last week.

According to the KSP, around 10 a.m. on Friday, a scuba diver located a submerged vehicle and immediately notified authorities. Upon the recovery of the vehicle, human remains were also discovered inside.

At this time, State Police said the remains have not yet been confirmed. However, investigators believe it is

possible that the discovery may be connected to the disappearance of a Union County man who was reported missing in 2006.

14 News reports the van pulled from the water is similar to the description given for James Michael Mills’ van. His missing person profile shows in 2006, he was 38 and was driving a white van with a door that had been painted white with blue showing through.

In the video shared by scuba divers with 14 News, the driver’s side door of the van appears to be blue, while the rest of the van is white.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CASE NUMBER 25-P-292**

NOTICE is hereby given that Mark Coffman has qualified as Executor of the estate of Barbara Coffman, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on August 28, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Cathy Coffman, 108 Lyn Court, Versailles, KY 40383 or to his, attorney, Thomas Stephens, P.O. Box 1834, Lexington, KY 40588 not later than February 28, 2026.

Doug Fain  
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:  
Sept. 18, 2025  
**EST/COFFMAN, B.**

**Public Notice**

**CASE NUMBER 25-P-131**

NOTICE is hereby given that Stephanie Jo Coker has qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Edward Dwayne Coker, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on August 28, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Stephanie Jo Coker, 234 Savannah Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to her, attorney, David W. Thomas, 400 S. Main St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than February 26, 2026.

Doug Fain  
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:  
Sept. 18, 2025  
**EST/COCKER, E.**

**Public Notice**

**CASE NUMBER 25-P-296**

NOTICE is hereby given that Kimberlee Rochelle Doolin-Young and William Douglas Doolin, Jr. have qualified as Executor of the estate of Charles H. Overstreet, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on August 28, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Kimberlee Rochelle Doolin-Young, 108 Jonabell Ct., Nicholasville, KY 40356, and William Douglas Doolin, Jr., 1585 Phillips Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to their, attorney, Howard Downing, 109 S. First St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than February 26, 2026.

Doug Fain  
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:  
Sept. 18, 2025  
**EST/OVERSTREET, C.**

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**CASE NUMBER 25-P-326**

NOTICE is hereby given that Cathy Sparks has qualified as Administratrix of the estate of James Burton Sorrell, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on September 4, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Cathy Sparks, 501 North 3rd St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to her, attorney, David Thomas, 400 South Main St., Suite 102, Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than March 4, 2026.

Doug Fain  
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:  
Sept. 18, 2025  
**EST/SORRELL, J.**

**Public Notice**

NOTICE HERBY IS GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF WILMORE ON SEPT.15, 2025, ENACTED THREE ORDINANCES. THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE WILMORE CITY CLERK @ 210 S. LEXINGTON AVE. WILMORE, KY 40390. THE ORDINANCES AND SUMMARIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**ORDINANCE # 2025-13  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX ON REAL AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF WILMORE, KENTUCKY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**ORDINANCE # 2025-14  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX ON ALL MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE CITY OF WILMORE, KENTUCKY FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**ORDINANCE 2025-15  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WILMORE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 95: FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, SECTION 95.02 FIRE LANES (PROHIBITING PARKING IN DESIGNATED FIRE LANES)**

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Sept. 18, 2025  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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210 S Lexington Ave  
Wilmore, KY 40390

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Lexington Ave. and Main St. Sanitary Sewer Extension** for the City of Wilmore. Kentucky consisting of approximately 814 linear feet of gravity sewer main in downtown Wilmore, KY together with all related work as specified and shown on the Drawings will be received by the City of Wilmore at the office of the City Hall, 210 S Lexington Ave., Wilmore, KY 40390 until September 18 th., 2025 at 2:00 PM and then at said office opened and publicly read aloud. The BIDDING DOCUMENTS, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid, Bid Bond, Agreement, Notice of Award form, Notice to Proceed form, Construction Performance Bond, Construction Payment Bond, Sample Certificate of Insurance form, Application for Payment form, General Conditions, Supplemental General Conditions, Change Order form, Technical Specifications, Addenda, and Drawings, may be examined at the following locations:

City of Wilmore  
210 S Lexington Ave  
Wilmore, KY 40390

GRW Engineers, Inc.  
801 Corporate Drive  
Lexington, KY 40503

Copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS **MUST** be obtained from GRW Engineers Inc., through their digital Plan Room <http://www.grwinc.com/plan-room> upon payment of \$125. BIDDING DOCUMENTS may also be obtained by calling 859-223-3999 and asking for Bruce McDonald. Upon receipt of payment, printed copies will be mailed out to the prospective Bidder. Payment **is not refundable**. Bids from anyone not on the Engineer’s Plan Holders List will not be opened. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or a certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid to insure the execution of the contract for which the bid is made. In case the bid is not accepted, the check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder, but if the bid is accepted and the bidder shall refuse or neglect to enter into a contract with the City of Wilmore within ten (10) days after the time the bidder has been notified of the acceptance of their bid, the said check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of Wilmore as liquidated damages for the failure to do so. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after closing time scheduled for the receipt of bids. The City of Wilmore reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids. Equal Employment Opportunity The Honorable Harold Rainwater, Mayor

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map amendment to B-2 (Highway Business District) for approximately 17.76 net acres of property located on PVA Parcel #067-00-00- 028.00.]

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Kathy Walker, City Clerk  
September 18, 2025

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**MASTER COMMISSIONER’S SALE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**JESSAMINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SECOND FLOOR COURTROOM**  
**101 NORTH MAIN STREET, 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 conditions: 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

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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 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, 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. 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](http://www.JessamineMC.com).

**SALE 1 - 206 Peachtree Street, Nicholasville, 24-CI-23**  
Judgment amt. \$249,716.69, Parcel ID# 057-40-02-002.00

**SALE 2-209 Garnet Drive, Nicholasville, 24-CI-307,**  
Judgment amt. \$55,796.06, Parcel ID# 057-20-11-016.00

**SALE 3 – 106 North 3rd Street, Nicholasville, 23-CI-630,**  
Judgment amt. \$139,467.71, Parcel ID# 058-10-15-001.00

**SALE 4 – 1350 Brumfield Lane, Nicholasville, 17-CI-502**  
Judgment amt. \$158,892.94, Parcel ID# 062-00-00-018.01

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

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