

# Not your normal Days of Our Lives recap

Everybody in Salem has a gun and each one holds it talking out loud to themselves how E.J. needs to pay for his deeds, while dramatic music plays in the background. Meanwhile, E.J. talks out loud to a painting of his father, Stephano DiMera, naming all the people who hate him, and the list goes on and on and on while tinkly music plays in the background.

Then he says he's always one step ahead of all of them, and says, "I win," chuckle, chuckle, and sits in a chair to enjoy his drink. Then he looks up and squints his eyes and says, "What are you doing?" and you hear a gunshot sound and see E.J.'s glass dropping.

E.J. is on the floor gasping, shot and blood is going everywhere. Something Harold the butler will have to clean up later. Chad DiMera walks in and finds him and calls for medical help.

Meanwhile, Ava tells Kate and Kate's 80th husband Roman, from whom Ava rents an apartment and works in their Brady Pub, that she is going to Hong Kong to be with her son. Like right then. She doesn't even wait to get her security deposit back.

J.J. Deveraux, part of Salem's pathetic police department, questions Chad DiMera on happenings of when he found E.J. shot in a giant mansion with zero security cameras.

E.J.'s son Johnny, who hasn't held down a full-time job very long, like *evveerr*, is distracted as his wife Chanel asks where he was that morning, and he is vague about his whereabouts. He gets a phone call from Chad about his father being shot. Did he already know that? Or not? Dramatic music plays.

Ava is shown in the dark outdoors with dramatic music making a "cha cha

cha" sound and she cuts her eyes left and right and takes a gun out of her purse and puts it in a public trash can, because if there was ever a good place to hide a gun you never want found, it's a public trash can.

Holly finds out that Doug Williams III is homeless after Granny Julie threw him out of Horton House for being a no count liar and thief. Holly invites him to secretly live in Kirakis mansion where she and her granny Maggie Horton Kiriakis lives and tells him they won't be in trouble at all if he stays hid and he won't be homeless.

Meanwhile, back at the hospital, E.J. has some seizures and is placed in a medically induced coma as the people of Salem are shocked, and kinda not shocked, of what has happened to him.

To add to the suspense, everybody in Salem from his neighbors, restaurant workers, school cafeteria cooks, nursing home residents, the mailman and others bite their knuckle as they recall an unpleasant conversation with E.J. at one time or another.

Kristen opens the door to leave DiMera Mansion when Shawn Brady and JJ Deveraux, who are both connected to the pathetic Salem Police Department, are standing there. She is annoyed as anyone would be when you've got to be somewhere and you get stalled by a talker.

They tell her they have a warrant to search her room and that includes her purse.

JJ opens the bag with gloved hands and takes out...a gun...

*Dramatic music plays  
To be continued*

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# Clinton City Council continued from front

train is stuck on the railroad tracks in Clinton due to flooding and there is major compaction to a storm drain on Farmers Gin Road.

Forceful water rushing at a property on College and Jackson Streets eroded the house's foundation causing serious damage, and the residents were living in a hotel as of Monday.

The City was declared in a State of Emergency by Mayor Kelly. This paperwork will be turned in to the Kentucky State Emergency Management to begin the process for FEMA assistance.

## Sealed Bids Opened for Lift Station Relocation Project

At Monday evening's council meeting, Travis Harper with Commonwealth Engineers opened a sealed bid submitted by Youngblood Excavating and Contracting for the lift station relocation project. This was the only bid received.

The bid was for \$1,976,521 with an alternate size force main of 10 inches, as opposed to 8 inches, and made of different material for right at \$1.995 million. The City has received grant funding of \$2.2 million for the lift station project and an additional \$1.9 million for the storm water grant. The council voted to approve the bid from Youngblood Excavating and Contracting for the Clinton Lift Station Relocation Project, contingent upon contractual review by Commonwealth Engineers.

The council voted to approve payment to the Purchase Area Development District and Commonwealth Engineers for their work on the grant application. All voted in favor.

## Preliminary Budget Review

All voted in favor of tabling voting on the

## Proposed Entry Level Pay Scale

The council has been discussing for some time looking at the entry level pay for city employees at other area cities of comparable size. Council Member Jerry Rushing requested the 2024 Kentucky League of Cities Salary Guide, and Clerk Wilson presented a copy to each council member.

Monday evening, Council Member Tommy Kimbro presented a proposed entry-level salary guide for the City of Clinton.

"We have got to have competitive salaries to get employees," he said. He said his proposal was "as close as we can get considering our budget that we will be dealing with."

This is for entry level pay only and would not affect the pay of any employee who is already making above the entry level pay.

Council Member Jerome Jenkins commented that they need to keep the salary up for the trained employees they already have, as well.

Council Member Jerry Rushing asked how it would affect workers like those in high school who work for the City through the school work program. Kimbro said they are paid contract labor price.

The council discussed the proposal favorably and thought it would be good to review annually. The council approved an ordinance be prepared for level entry salary schedules as presented by Council Member Kimbro and reviewed at the next council meeting for vote.

## City to eat some GFL charges this time

The City disputes charges from the trash com-

pany with which it contracts for city-wide trash pick-up, GFL, saying GFL stated in the contract it would charge a diesel surcharge if diesel went over \$5.50. Diesel never went over \$5.50, and the City was still charged the surcharge, which was realized later after paying it. Also, GFL raised their rates beyond the 8% discussed by a GFL representative at the January 2023 council meeting.

City Attorney Alison Whitledge mailed a letter with the allegations of breach of contract to GFL and GFL responded they did not receive additional money from the City. Next, Clerk Wilson gathered up documentation showing the overpayment and gave it to Attorney Whitledge. Attorney Whitledge wants to have a phone conversation with the GFL attorney rather than written conversations as the City continues to seek resolution and reimbursement from GFL.

In the meantime, the City owes \$12,705 for 1/31/2025; \$12,525.04 for 2/28/2025; and \$12,283.58 for 3/31/2025 for a total of \$37,509.80. There was only \$3,846.63 in the trash fund. The City voted a few months ago to raise rates which went into effect this month to keep the trash fund solvent and awaits resolution from the ongoing legal effort. For now, money will be moved from the gas fund to the trash fund to make the quarterly payment.

## Other

The City received a donation request from the Spring Chicken Fest Committee for the upcoming festival April 25-26. Clerk Wilson said Commonwealth Engineering is making a donation to the festival on behalf of the City.

Meeting adjourned.

# Gov. Beshear Provides update on severe weather

## Statewide Aftermath

Tuesday, Gov. Andy Beshear provided an update on severe weather that continues to affect much of the Commonwealth.

"Four days of severe storms have brought devastation to communities across the commonwealth," said Gov. Beshear. "I want to thank all of our first responders and volunteers, both lo-

cally and from out of state, who have dedicated time to help our people. While the threat of severe storms has ended, several rivers and creeks remain at or above flood stage and roadways remain under water in several areas. So we need folks to remain cautious."

Rain has ceased, and water is receding in many areas. But several rivers and creeks remain at or above flood stage, and roadways remain underwater in several areas. The Governor urged everyone to stay alert and watch for high water.

Those with non-life-threatening needs can call the Emergency Management line at 502-607-6665 or visit [kyem.gov](http://kyem.gov) for assistance.

For those affected by the storms, the Disaster Distress Helpline, 800-985-5990, is a 24/7, year-round, confidential crisis counseling and emotional support resource for survivors, responders and anyone struggling with distress or other mental health concerns related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

**Power Outages**

As of 9 a.m. Tuesday, a reported 2,614 customers were without power.

**Drinking Water**

As of 9 a.m. Tuesday: Roughly 868 customers were without water. Four thousand customers were under Boil Water Advisories.

One water system was offline, and 22 systems were under limited operations.

**Wastewater**

As of 9 a.m. Tuesday, five systems were not operational, with Frankfort being the largest. Twenty-nine are on limited operation. Plants are being evaluated today.

**Rescue Response and Operation Teams**

This week, search and rescue teams have performed 142 rescues and 272 evacuations by boat. There are 357 soldiers and airmen from the Kentucky National Guard mobilized to conduct missions with Kentucky Emergency Management. Guard assets are currently supporting evacuation, search and rescue and distribution efforts.

**Shelters**

As of 9 a.m. Tuesday: United Way is sheltering 35 households.

The American Red Cross is sheltering 128 individuals.

Six individuals are being sheltered by independent community shelters.

General Butler State Resort Park is sheltering 112 people.

**Kentucky State Police**

Since Saturday, Kentucky State Police (KSP) telecommunications have answered 18,897 calls for service. Troopers continue to assist local law enforcement and first responders with wellness checks and evacuation efforts. If you believe someone is missing, call your local KSP post. KSP post phone numbers can be found here.

**Roads and Bridges**

As of 9 a.m. Tuesday, 457 state roadways were closed, 440 by high water and 17 by mudslides or rockslides. More than half of these are in Western Kentucky, and many more county and local routes are flooded. Not all rivers have crested, and state highway crews continue to place barricades, help people detour around high water, and clear roads of mudslides and debris while beginning damage assessment and repairs where possible. For your safety, do not pass barricades, signs or cones. Do not drive through standing water. For a full list of state highway closures and detours, visit [GoKy.ky.gov](http://GoKy.ky.gov).

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Hickman County Fiscal Court Ordinance 2025-01 SUMMARY BUDGET AMENDMENT			
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Year 24-25 Annual Budget and Amendment thereof. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY:			
SECTION ONE: The budget for Fiscal Year 24-25 is amended to: Increase/Decrease the receipts of the following funds to include unbudgeted receipts from:			
A. Receipts:			
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ROAD	02-4514-000	DOT BRIDGES/FLEX	\$662,808.28
ROAD	02-4518-000	CO ROAD AID	\$134,549.00
<b>Total Amended Revenues</b>			<b>\$797,357.28</b>
B. Appropriations			
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ROAD	02-6105-312	CONTRACT BRIDGE	\$797,357.28
<b>Total Amended Appropriations</b>			<b>\$797,357.28</b>
SECTION TWO: The amounts adjusting the revenue accounts in Section One are for governmental purposes.			
SECTION THREE: This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication. Approved by the Fiscal Court by first reading on March 24, 2025. The second reading and adoption is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive.			
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: All interested persons and organizations in Hickman County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/ Executive during normal business hours.			