

25 years after 9/11, Argano last firefighter at firehouse that first responded

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NEW YORK — Sal Argano got lucky. When the World Trade Center was struck by hijacked jets on Sept. 11, 2001, the New York City firefighter was in

Brooklyn, on loan to another station, rather than at his usual post at the small Manhattan firehouse just across an intersection from the twin towers. He rushed downtown to find his firehouse badly damaged but still standing.

Six of its members, he'd later learn, were among the 343 New York City firefighters killed in the World Trade Center's collapse. "If I wasn't sent out on rotation there would have been a good chance I would not be here today,"

Argano says. "I think about that all the time." Almost 25 years later, Argano, now 65, is still on duty at the firehouse — the last of the firefighters assigned there in 2001 who still works there. Today, the crews at the firehouse respond to

emergency calls but also serve as a de facto part of the 9/11 memorial, visited by crowds of tourists daily. Some visitors come specifically to see the large bronze relief along the side of the building listing the names of the firefighters killed on 9/11.

Others pause to take selfies as they pass by on their way to the National 9/11 Memorial plaza across the street, drawn by the sight of Engine 10 and Ladder 10, the gleaming trucks sitting in the garage that give the station its nickname: Ten House.

HEROES

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streets closest to the location of the opening ceremony will be shut

down earlier that afternoon. The opening will be held in the area around E. Center St. and will shut down at approximately 4 p.m., organizers said. Union St. and Court St. will also

close. Residents who live in the affected areas are asked not to park on the street during the time of the run. The following intersections and streets will

be closed during the event. West North at Arnold West Noel at Wells North Main at Federal North Main at East Center South Main at Bishop

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FUNDS

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is taking the lead on the 5K. "The 5K starts at 5 p.m.," explained Dunbar. "Entry fee is \$25." To register for the 5K, you have two options, a paper registration form is available at Planters

Bank, or you can register online at <https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=97774201>. "No awards, but we will be posting times," added Dunbar. "If you want to run in a costume, we would love to have you." Dunbar and Workman are currently looking for

someone to coordinate the zombie walk, which begins at 5:30. According to Dunbar, those zombies who are participating will walk from the community center to the square downtown — including a stop at the Squeeze In Scoop Shop for a picture — and then participants will return to the community center. "If you would like to be

considered for a costume prize for the zombie walk, we are asking for a \$5 donation," Dunbar said. "You will receive a number so people can vote for their favorite zombie." Workman is organizing the Little Pumpkin Treat Walk. "The Little Pumpkin Treat Walk starts at 6 p.m.," continued Dunbar. "The treat walk is from

the community center, to the square, and back. "If you would like to be considered for a costume prize for the pumpkin walk, we are asking for a \$5 donation," Dunbar said. "You will receive a number so people can vote for their favorite pumpkin walker." Now is the time for registering and sponsoring.

"If you would like your business or name added to the back of the shirt, the cost is \$100 and we need payment by Sept. 30," stated Dunbar. Those running or walking must register by Sept. 30 in order to get a shirt on race day. Shirts are \$20 each. Dunbar concluded, "Every step gets us closer to new seats."

TOWN

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"Lessons from the Capital, Washington, DC." Everyone is welcome. Please use the north entrance. **Hopkins County Retired Teachers Association** (HCRTA) will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, Sept. 22**, at Brothers BBQ in

Madisonville. Hope to see all members there. **The Hopkins County Genealogical Society** will have a "Two For One Saturday," **Saturday, Sept. 26**, at 10 a.m., in the Government Center, Fiscal Court Meeting Room, 56 N. Main St. The first program will be at 10 a.m. and will be presented by William Parker "Civil War Rations." After a break and refreshments the

next program will start at 11 a.m.. The second program will also be presented by William Parker "Operation Centerboard, WWII." Everyone is welcome. Please use the north entrance. **The Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library** is holding a blood drive for the Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center on **Wednesday**,

Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All blood donors will receive a T-shirt. Donors must be 17 years old, or 16 with written parental consent. **The Hanson Lions Club** is accepting **Craft & Art Fair** vendors for our annual Fall Street Festival to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Oct. 17**. Each 10 x 10 space is \$25 and can be rented up to the day of the

event. Text or call Teresa Anthony at (828) 230-6501 to reserve a space. The Lions meet the last Monday of the month at 25 Sunset Rd. **The Hopkins County B.A.S.S. Club** holds their meetings on the **second Thursday each month** at 6 p.m. at Brothers BBQ. Anyone interested in the club is invited to attend. Membership is open to

anyone who has a fishing boat, or who can find someone to partner with who has a boat. **The Hopkins County Regional Senior Citizens Center** hosts a history class presented by Spencer Brewer the **first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.** at the center on N. Main St. It's free and there are no tests like we had in school. Come join us.

IDEAS

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enforcement officer as the enforcing entity on local animal control ordinances. That clears one hurdle for Earlington. Jackson also felt it was important to create a committee in order to see more large-scale changes in the

animal control situation. "I don't always have all the answers," he said. "I want to get a couple citizens involved with the committee as well...We're going to need a person to enforce this, because our current code enforcement officer is swamped with everything under the sun. So we need to bring someone else on." Jackson hopes that the

committee can discuss matters of animal control enforcement on a more granular level. His plan is for the group to consist of two council members and three citizens, with space for submitting questions and gathering ideas from the entire community. In other business, councilwoman Peggy Babb brought the city's cemetery plot rates to the atten-

tion of those gathered. "Some of the rates are four times what we sell our plots for," she said. "We're nominal, I'm telling you." The council decided they would review rates of surrounding cities. One reason proposed for why Earlington's rates might be lower is because of requirements for everyone buried to have a vault and liner to protect nearby

waterways in the event of a flood. "If it is a requirement, it could be why our prices are so low to offset it," said councilwoman Jessica Pharris. Council members were uncertain whether the requirements were from a higher level of government or simply old policy. Considering Loch Mary is no longer a source of drinking

water, council members debated if such a requirement could be removed or amended. Finally, the mayor announced the city's next Mudfest, which will be held on Oct. 2-3 at the Earlington ATV Park. The council members also voted that this year's city Halloween trunk-or-treat will be held from 5-8 p.m.

TAX

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\$100,000 for Madisonville Salutes, \$30,000 for fireworks at those two events, and \$50,000 for the Madisonville Fly-In Festival at the Madisonville Regional Airport. The council also gave the green light on a 3-2 vote to the purchase and installation of two large American flags at the two primary exits into Madisonville off Interstate 69. The proposal was for up to \$125,000 and contingent on the remaining funds needed being raised. "The property that's

being used for this...does it belong to the city?" asked Councilwoman Misty Cavanaugh. Mayor Kevin Cotton said the city is currently working to determine the ownership of the two parcels. "We are currently identifying the location for those flags, due to their size," he explained. "We do have some that is city property, some that is state property, and some that is private property." Cavanaugh and Adam Townsend, who made the initial motion as a representative of the Tourism Advisory Committee, voted no. The council also

voted on a resolution to apply for a Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program grant in the amount of \$212,264. The funds will match money from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the rehabilitation of the Hopkins County Senior Citizens Center. Also approved was the

acceptance of 1,280 feet of Ruby Drive into the city owned and maintained street system. The move will connect the street to Midtown Blvd. In a related vote, the council accepted a list of streets currently included in the list of maintained roadways. The city currently takes care of just over 123 miles of paved streets.



LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Hopkins County Board of Education will be receiving responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified Architect/Engineer (A/E) firms for architect/engineering services to complete facilities assessments and drawings per Section 102 of the Kentucky Department of Education School Facilities Planning Manual.

Firms wishing to respond shall communicate intent to submit proposals to:

Assistant Superintendent Marty Cline at marty.cline@hopkins.kyschools.us

A copy of the RFP may also be picked up at the following address during normal business hours (8:00 am-4:00 pm CDT Monday-Friday):

**Hopkins County Schools
2135 North Main Street
Madisonville, KY 42431**

RFP submittals will be due **September 17, 2026 at 9:00 am CDT** at the Hopkins County Board of Education at the above address. All submittals will become the property of the Hopkins County Board of Education and will not be returned.

All questions concerning this RFP will be answered by contacting Assistant Superintendent Marty Cline at the email listed above or at (270) 825-6000.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE

The City of Dawson Springs will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2026 property tax rate on Thursday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 EST at 200 West Arcadia Avenue in the Council Chambers.

The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain comments from the public regarding the proposed property tax rate for the 2026 tax year.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Kentucky Revised Statutes:

	2025 Tax Year	2026 Proposed
Real Property Tax Rate	.434	.446
Revenue from Real Property	\$325,813	\$347,690
Compensating Tax Rate	.419	.427
Revenue at Compensating Rate	\$314,552	\$332,878

The proposed 2026 tax rate is expected to produce \$347,690. The revenue expected to be generated from new property is \$17,939.70

The revenue expected to be generated from personal property is \$15,452.89.

The additional revenue generated by the proposed tax rate over the revenue produced in the preceding year will be used for the following general purposes:

[GENERAL AREAS TO WHICH THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE WILL BE ALLOCATED — employees' salaries and benefits.

The proposed tax rate is a 4% increase tax rate and will produce no more than four percent (4%) additional revenue from real property that was subject to taxation in the preceding year, exclusive of revenue from new property.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing and provide comments concerning the proposed tax rate.

Date: September 17, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 p.m. EST
Location: Council Chambers located at 200 West Arcadia Avenue, Dawson Springs.
The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and the information contained herein.



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

A SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 154 (DAWSON SPRINGS ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED) OF THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW LIMITED HOME OCCUPATIONS AS A PERMITTED USE AND HOME OCCUPATIONS AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

By summary, this ordinance provides for amendment to Article 2 and to Article 4 Sections 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, and 4.09 of the Dawson Springs Zoning Ordinance, as amended, adopted by reference and made a part of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky Code of Ordinances in Chapter 154 (the "Zoning Ordinance"). The Zoning Ordinance is amended to adopt certain amendments intended to allow Limited Home Occupations as a Permitted Use and Home Occupations as a Conditional Use in all Residential zones.

Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended by Ordinance. The Ordinance retains existing definitions and amends the Zoning Ordinance to include a definition for LIMITED HOME OCCUPATION. The Ordinance amends the definition of HOME OCCUPATION. The amendment of the definition of Home Occupation adds additional descriptive terms to further set out what is considered a Home Occupation.

Article 4 Sections 4.03, 4.04, and 4.05 of the Zoning Ordinance are amended by Ordinance. Conditional Permitted Uses for various Zoning Districts are amended. Rural District — RU, Residential District - R-2, and Residential District — R-3 are amended to confirm inclusion of Home Occupations as Conditional Permitted Uses within those districts.

This ordinance further provides for amendment to Article 4.09 and the "Addendum—Quick Reference Chart of Permitted (P) and Conditional (C) Uses" of the Dawson Springs Zoning Ordinance, adopted by reference and made a part of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky Code of Ordinances in Chapter 154. It amends the "Addendum—Quick Reference Chart of Permitted (P) and Conditional (C) Uses" to remove Home Occupations as a Conditional Use in zoning districts C-2, C-3, and I-1.

The full text of this Ordinance is on file in the office of the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Dawson Springs at 100 E. Arcadia Ave, Dawson Springs, KY, where it is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Passed on First Reading this 18th day of August, 2026.
Passed on Second Reading this 26th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED:

Jenny Sewell, Mayor
City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Martha Hamby, City Clerk
City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky

I, Benjamin R. Talley, hereby certify I am an Attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, my office is located at 701 South Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. I further certify the foregoing Summary of Ordinance 2026-09 was prepared in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9), and is a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Ordinance.

Benjamin R. Talley

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