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Dawson Springs to hold tax rate hearing tonight

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This evening, the Dawson Springs City Council will be hosting a public hearing on the 2026 tax rate as proposed in late August.

During a special-called meeting at that time, a 4% increase was proposed in order to add 4% more revenue than the compensating rate and requires public notice and a hearing.

The forum will be held in the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m.

"The specific purpose of this meeting is to obtain comments from the public regarding the proposed property tax rate for the 2026 tax year," said City Clerk Martha Hamby. "The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed property tax rate for 2026."

Tuesday's meeting of the council was business as usual. The council members pre-

sent (Ashlee Mawdlsey was absent) unanimously approved Engineer Justin Lamb's cChange order No. 2 for the crumb rubber surface of the large playground being installed at the city park. Minus a grant that's in-hand of \$35,000, the installation will cost the city an estimated \$9,000 in labor.

The council also agreed to Lamb's change order No. 3 in regard to the pool project. Because the restrooms located

at the pool will also be used by the neighboring T-ball field and splash park, added security measures needed to be taken so that those facilities can remain open when the pool is not in operation.

Next, the council heard from Meredith Hyde of the Dawson Springs Rotary Club.

Hyde explained that the Rotarians are planning a ceremony for the fifth anniversary of the EF-4 tornado that devastated the town in 2021. It will

be held on Dec. 11.

The Rotary Club has held a remembrance ceremony for each of the anniversaries leading up to 2026, but as Hyde informed the council, this ceremony will be the club's last.

"Although this will be the final one, for us, it's not about forgetting," Hyde added. "Please remember that there are members of our club who were greatly affected as well."

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On Friday night, Dawson Springs High School Band Director Jennifer Fox (left) hosted Senior Night in recognition of the band's eight seniors (from left) Emmalynn Colson, Lexie Howton, Sophie Johnson, Katie "Finn" Payne, Kiara Sellers, Braelynn Vincent, and Kaylee Wigley.

Panthers Band sees success 'On the Horizon'

BY CASSIE JONES
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The Dawson Springs High School Band is "On the Horizon" in more ways than one.

First, that's the theme of the field show the

band is presenting this season.

Second, improvements in the band's visual scores are just within reach.

On Friday, the band hosted its annual "Town Show," which gives the

community a chance to see the field show the musicians will take to the various competitions this fall.

There's no football field in Dawson Springs, so the band doesn't have a chance to perform for

the hometown crowd otherwise.

During the Town Show, which was held on the parking lot the band uses to practice, Director Jennifer Fox

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Nortonville plans to patch roads, welcomes new soccer league

BY CASSANDRA PROFITT
THE MESSENGER REPORTER

The Nortonville City Council held a special called meeting on Tuesday evening, rather than their

usual Monday. This was decided last month when the group realized their regular meeting would overlap with the annual Pennyrile Area Development District dinner.

Council members discussed

plans for patching roads, noting that it was important to get the work done before rain and snow could delay their efforts, which

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Extension District announces 2026 tax rates

BY CASSANDRA PROFITT
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The Hopkins County Cooperative Extension District Board announced its 2026 tax rate at Fiscal Court Tuesday morning. According to Horticulture Extension Agent Erika Wood, these numbers reflect the compensating tax rate.

Motor vehicles and watercraft sit at 1.45 cents per \$100 valuation. Personal property is at a rate of 4.96 cents per \$100, and real property is 3.10 cents per \$100.

"There was a little bit of a jump in real and personal property," Wood said. "Personal property last year was 4.38 and real property last year was 2.90."

In other business, Sanitation Director Harry Highfill, came forward to speak about several illegal dump sites throughout the county. According to him, some cleanup efforts have been

made at a site on High Glory Rd., and several other areas.

"A couple of them (illegal dumps) we have are right down the road from centers or the landfill," he said. "The Barnsley location is open five days a week and half a day on Saturday. There's no reason for us to be dumping trash on the side of the road with as many locations as we have."

Hopkins County has nine convenience centers, which are free to use for residents. For a full list of locations and hours of operation, people can search convenience centers at hopkinscounty.ky.gov.

He also urged people to join one more ATV ride for a good cause this year, mentioning that Landon's Hope was holding a "Spooktackular Benefit Ride" on Oct. 17 at the West Kentucky ATV Park. Registration is \$20, and ATV riders must have a helmet.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's article about the 9/11 heroes run, a caption mistakenly identified an individual running in equipment as a member of the Warrior Coal Mine Rescue team. The racer in question is David Morgan from the River View Coal Mine Rescue team.



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