

Not your normal Days of Our Lives Recap

Lexie, the human popsicle, has thawed.

In what may be the longest defrost in the history of mankind, Lexie Carver finally thawed.

She had been presumed dead from a brain tumor in 2012, but the DiMeras' Dr. Rolf froze her in some sort of cryogenic tinkering and brought her out of her freezer pod, to a hospital bed on the DiMera grounds. She was able to stand and wobble her way through the DiMera tunnels in time to pop out in the DiMera living room where the last will of her dad, the late Stefano DiMera was being read.

Marlena Evans had briefly popped in earlier too, possibly thinking she might inherit a gazillion dollars since she was once his obsession, but when she saw he left her a raggedy chess set, she got up and left and didn't even take it with her to sell on eBay.

Abe Carver, who attended the will reading because it was read by his son Theo, was startled to see his presumed deceased wife pop in the room. Kristen DiMera was ticked another heir just showed up, lessening her share of the fortune.

And Lexie? She's weak from not walking since 2012 and passes out. An ambulance whisks her away.

Abe and Theo rush to Salem hospital and ask Dr. Kayla about Lexie, and she's like, "Whaaaaa?"

Abe says he doesn't know what's going on but his wife is back. But he forgot one tiny thing... he is now mar-

ried to *Paulina*.

Dramatic music plays Kristen keeps having visions of Sophia Choi, the young lady she wanted to kill Johnny DiMera and promised her a new life with a passport and money, but instead klunked her in the head with a rock and rolled her in the river. Now she has visions of her walking toward her with a bloody knot on her head and it's just *ruining Kristen's day*.

She screams, "Leave me alone!"

Dr Rolf comes up to her and asks if she's alright. Kristen calls him Dr. Frankenstein for bringing back Lexie.

Dr Kayla chastises EJ for buying the hospital to operate his secret lab to do immoral and unethical things like freezing and thawing people, running up the electric bill.

Abe Carver talks to his sleeping wife No. 1 at her hospital bed. He picks up her hand. Her nails are manicured and polished, which must be a service of the ambulance staff as they rushed her to the hospital. Tinkly music plays. She opens her eyes and says his name. Wait a minute. She's wearing lipstick and eye shadow. Did the Salem ambulance staff do that too?

She tells Abe she loves him. He says he loves her too. Wife No. 2 is standing at the door and hears him and gasps.

Dramatic music plays. To be continued

It's been 'Hainted Holler' since the night when some kids got Sam Hall's goat

By BERRY CRAIG

Leon Todd, who probably knows more about Carlisle County history and folklore than anybody since the late Ran Graves, recently showed me around the old Laketon townsite and its environs, including "Hainted Holler."

In his 1958 book, *History and Memories of Carlisle County*, Graves explained that the nickname stemmed from a prank involving a Billy goat. The pranksters were some boys who targeted Sam Hall, an early settler.

Graves called the place "Hainted Hollow." The local pronunciation has always been "Hainted Holler," according to Leon.

Anyway, I quoted the book going on 44 years ago in one of my Paducah Sun "Rambling" columns. Sam swore the critter was a ghost when it showed up at his well-furnished cabin door one night long ago. The tale seems more rib-tickling than spine-tickling. Graves didn't say when the mischief makers got Sam's goat. It might have been before the Civil War when what became Carlisle County was still part of Ballard County.

If "Marryin'" wasn't Sam's nickname, it could have been. Hall outlived five wives, including the widow Westbrook, according to Graves. She was his spouse when the "ghost" appeared.

"The widow's former husband, Mr. Westbrook, was a small man with a flowing beard turning to silver, and you discovered the beard before you could tell whether a man was behind it or not," explained Graves.

A neighbor, Bill Campbell, kept goats near the cabin, which had belonged to Westbrook.

"Sam, with the roving eye of a widower, soon discovered the widow and her haven of rest," Graves wrote.

Among Campbell's herd "was a venerable old Billy who had a hirsute adornment under his lower jaw, equal to, or greater than the beard in front of Mr. Westbrook's face," according to the author.

Some Laketon youngsters decided that the old Billy was just right for a practical joke on Sam. So, one night they captured the animal and tied him to the front porch of Sam's



place. "Then making a disturbance as if something was after Sam's chickens, they retired to the bushes," Graves wrote.

The commotion woke Sam's wife. She roused Sam and told him a varmint was prowling about the henhouse.

She told him he should get up and foil the marauder.

"The cabin was mostly lighted by an open fire, and Sam had a good fire that night, so when he opened the cabin door, there in the fire light stood a little man with a long gray beard." Or so Sam thought—anyway the "apparition" terrified him.

He tumbled into his wife's

arms, yelling "Westbrook! Westbrook!!"

Sam's wife protested that her previous husband had been dead and buried for a year. He was unconvinced.

"Sam, getting a whiff of the old goat, told her he could smell the death scent and it was bound to be Westbrook, and he wasn't going out anymore tonight, and that was that."

After reveling in the result of their deed, the lads released the goat.

At daybreak, Sam ventured out in search of varmint tracks. He didn't find any. "So he declared it to any all he saw Westbrook's ghost at night, so the local people called it Hainted Hollow, a name it bears to this day."

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Jackson Purchase Historical Society meeting planned for May 16 at Calloway County Public Library

The Jackson Purchase Historical Society will meet on Saturday, May 16 at the Calloway County Public Library at 710 Main Street in Murray, Kentucky. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am. The program for the meeting will feature a presentation by Richard B. Davis on "Feeling the Hot Breath of History: The Influence of Forrest Carlisle Pogue on US Military History."

Forrest Carlisle Pogue graduated from Murray State and taught history there from 1933 to May 1942, when he was drafted into the army. He was quickly assigned to a historical unit and sent to Europe. He was initially assigned to write the history of the Second US Army and interviewed wounded soldiers and others at Normandy, Bastogne, and other sites close to the front lines. He was then assigned to write the history of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force from 1945 to 1946. He was later assigned by Dwight D. Eisenhower to write the official history of the Supreme Command in Europe. Pogue spent seven years as a military historian, and two conducting operations research at United States Army Garrison Heidelberg with the Operations Research Office at Johns Hopkins University. He returned to teach at Murray State in 1954. In 1956, Pogue was hired by the George C. Marshall Foundation to write the official biography of George C. Marshall, completing four volumes. He was also director of the Marshall Foundation from 1956 until 1974 when he became director of the Eisenhower Institute for Historical Research.

Richard B. Davis is a graduate of Murray State University who completed his PhD in history at Florida State University. He retired from the Kentucky Army National Guard as a Major with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is currently Curator at the General George Patton Museum of Leadership at Fort Knox. He previously served as Curator of the US Army Adjutant General's Corps Museum at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

BID NOTICE
The Hickman County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for any paving project(s) on county roads in Hickman County for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
1. Bids should include price for – Bituminous Class surface – per ton Bituminous Class 1 Base – per ton Total price /ton for laid asphalt.
Bids should be submitted no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. and should be marked SEALED BID, HICKMAN COUNTY PAVING. Bids will be opened and considered by the Hickman County Fiscal Court at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive. Hickman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Bids are for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Hickman County Judge/Executive up to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 116 S. Jefferson Street, Clinton, Ky. 42031, and bids will be opened and read at the fiscal court meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.

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