

Not your normal Days of Our Lives Recap

Lexie Carver, the former human popcicle, who is about to die yet again, is in hiding at DiMera mansion so she doesn't have to deal with pesky goodbyes with her husband Abe and son Theo. She told them she was visiting her mother, Celeste. Instead of calling Celeste to see if she's there, Theo calls her phone repeatedly. Finally, it dawns on him to call Celeste but does not get an answer. Salemnites are getting a vibe that something is amiss with Lexie.

EJ DiMera has picked up a nasty virus and is sneezing all the time and drained of energy. He puts off taking medicine from DiMera Pharmaceuticals because of their oopsies, and it could kill him.

Kristen DiMera, after escaping from the cargo crate EJs kidnappers put

her in with a bean bag chair and no bathroom, is hiding out.

She wanted to see her little psycho daughter Rachel, who tried to kill three or four people when most kids her age are making crafts with popcicle sticks and Elmer's glue. Little Rachel has been in Bayview, Salem's mental asylum but is now home, deemed to be sort of mentally stable again, but finding a brave enough baby sitter is going to be tricky.

Kristen dons a dark wig and some hillbilly Bubba teeth and goes to see little Rachel, pretending she is her coo coo great aunt Susan. Brady Black, Rachel's dad, comes in the room while ole Bubba teeth is telling little Rachel her mother had to go away but says goodbye and loves her. Rachel leaves

the room, and Brady, using his newly honed high skilled detective talents, gets a vibe that it's Kristen wearing Bubba teeth. He calls her out on it. She comes clean and admits she's Kristen. She leaves.

Joy Wesley, who was pushing her baby Kelsey round and round Brady Pub like deranged hands on a clock, got a bad cramp in her arm and is hospitalized at Salem Hospital. I mean, seriously, what did she expect.

Wimpy Alex, dad of Joy's daughter Kelsey, tells wife Stephanie he will move in Brady Pub in Joy's room while she is hospitalized to tend to baby Kelsey since Joy doesn't want Stephanie around the baby for 18 years because Stephanie shot at Joy when she woke her up from a nap. Stephanie says she will move out of their

house instead so he can tend to little Kelsey there.

Wimpy Alex goes along with it. Wimpy Stephanie decides to move in with friend Jada across the hall, but they await Joy's approval to be sure that's ok.

Dramatic Music Plays  
To Be Continued



Paul Bury, Pamela Carino, and Bobby Jordan were parade judges for the Columbus Homecoming Parade Saturday, Aug. 8. (Photo courtesy Anjeanette Thomas)



Enjoying a ride to Riverview Park following the annual Columbus Homecoming Parade. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

PUBLIC HEARING  
2026 PROPOSED TAX RATE  
PUBLIC HEARING

The Hickman County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on August 24, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Office of the Hickman County Judge-Executive for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The real estate tax rate levied last year was 16.6 and produced revenues in the amount of \$488,194. This year's compensating rate is 16.4 and will produce revenues in the amount of \$523,460. The Hickman County Fiscal court proposes a tax rate of 17.0 which will produce a total of \$542,611.

Revenue expected from Personal Property is \$160,135. Revenue expected from Motor Vehicles is \$60,624 and revenue expected from Watercraft is \$1,446.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for operational costs associated with the Hickman County Dispatch services.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Hickman County Extension District Board will hold a public hearing on Friday, August 21 at 1:00 PM at the Hickman County Extension Office. All rates are per \$100 assessed valuation of property.

The tax levied last year was:

Real Property last year was .0610 and produced revenue of \$194,701.63.

Personal Property last year was .0646 and produced revenue of \$90,743.37.

This year's compensating rates are:

.060 Real Property and would produce \$191,509.80 revenue.

.0625 Personal Property and would produce \$87,793.51 revenue.

The County Extension District Board proposes tax rates of:

.0620 Real Property and would produce \$197,893.46 revenue.

.0646 Personal Property and would produce \$90,743.37 revenue.

Additional revenue generated will be used for Employee Salaries of the Extension District.

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The Hickman County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 56.4 cents on real property and 56.8 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 56.4 cents on real property and 56.8 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,494,518.36. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 56.4 cents on real property and 56.8 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$2,598,059.50 if 100% of the tax levy is collected. However, 100% of the tax levy is not normally collected; therefore, 97.4284%, the average collection rate over the past five years, is a more reasonable expectation and would produce \$2,531,247.29. Of this amount, \$909,115.60 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 55.4 cents on real property and 55.4 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,546,475.46 at 100% collection rate and \$2,480,989.79 at the 97.4284% five year average collection rate.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$103,541.14 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$4,141.65; building fund, \$9,704.51; instruction, \$65,289.18; transportation, \$9,506.40; and maintenance of plant, \$14,899.40. That assumes a 100% collection rate. A five-year average collection rate would produce \$36,728.93 above what was collected in fiscal year 2026.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

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More Homecoming Photos

Hickman County Fiscal Court  
Ordinance 2026-02  
SUMMARY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Year 26-27 Annual Budget and Amendment thereof. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE: The budget for Fiscal Year 26-27 is amended to: Increase/Decrease the receipts of the following funds to include unbudgeted receipts from:

A. Receipts:

| Fund    | Account Number | Description                   | Amount              |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL | 01-4512-000    | FEDERAL 287G PROGRAM          | \$115,020.57        |
|         |                | <b>Total Amended Revenues</b> | <b>\$115,020.57</b> |

B. Appropriations

| Fund    | Account Number | Description                         | Amount              |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL | 01-5015-314    | FEDERAL FUND – SHERIFF’S OFFICE     | \$115,020.57        |
|         |                | <b>Total Amended Appropriations</b> | <b>\$115,020.57</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 1st reading on July 27th, 2026. The second reading and adoption is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 24th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: All interested person(s) 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.

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