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ized that we only had five minutes or so to get back before preaching ended and the minister would come out looking for his car. We jammed into the car and Lawrence drove like a bat out of @#%& to get back to church. We pulled off of Highway 58 onto the gravel road leading back to the church. Lawrence was speeding and as he approached a 90 degree corner, I warned that it was a sharp corner and he should slow down. Lawrence replied, “Can’t, we’re going to be late.” We rounded the corner... skidded on the loose gravel....went off into the ditch and turned the car up on its left side. The boys inside were thrown into a jumble, but thankfully, no one was hurt. Lawrence, who was at the bottom of the boy pile, said, “Danny, you climb out the window and hold the car while the rest of us get out.” I did as I was told and all six boys were soon out of the car. We pushed the car back onto its four wheels, and Lawrence was able to drive it out of the ditch aided by a push from the rest of us. We piled back into the car and drove, post haste, back to the church. We arrived in the church

parking lot with only one or two minutes to spare. Getting out, we took a closer look at the car. Miraculously, It had one tiny scratch on the left side. We all breathed a sigh of relief. Church dismissed and we all departed to our homes. The adults were none the wiser. I talked to Lawrence years later about our adventure. He said, “I didn’t tell my father about this episode until years later. He didn’t think it was amusing, but he was glad no one was hurt.” I don’t remember ever playing hooky from church after this one time.

TALES FROM MOSS DRIVE: When Blue Laws ruled Sundays

Part 2 By JOANNA WEATHERFORD NORRIS

And that brings me to something I didn’t fully understand as a little girl—but years later, it would hit me like a ton of bricks. If you happened to be following my healing journey, you know that recently I fell and pretty much shattered my driving foot—it had to be totally reconstructed. Right before I fell, God was convicting me of not keeping the Sabbath as He intended it to be. John 20:1 states, “Early on the first day of the week...” True Sabbath is found in Jesus. Every devotion and Bible passage God is sending my way keeps talking about rest, keeping Sabbath. I’m like, “I get it, Lord!” I recently read a devotional on this topic and I’m going to take some information from it to share with you that you may or may not know. After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, the early Christians began to celebrate their Sabbath on the first day of the week—Sunday—calling it “The Lord’s Day.” The fourth commandment in the Ten Commandments handed down from God to Moses for the Israelites was to keep the Sabbath holy. I had forgotten this commandment. It was so easy to do back in the Blue Law days because nothing was open. Now, if I don’t finish up my Saturday errands, it turns into Sunday errands after church—and where is the Sabbath in that, I ask? I’m a Type A “go-go” personality, in case you haven’t figured that out, so lying in God’s green pastures beside still waters—Psalm 23—sounds refreshing but isn’t always easy to do for me; thus, the conviction. The devotional I read went on to say that a “core element in keeping the Sabbath stands at the center of remembering and celebrating Jesus’ victory over sin and death: worship....we should worship God in everything we do.” The New Testament emphasizes the importance of meeting weekly as Christ’s body to worship together by praising God and hearing His Word. Until Jesus returns, worship will remain at the heart of keeping the Lord’s Day. The Lord is true Sabbath. And maybe that’s what those old Blue Law Sundays were teaching me all along. As a little girl, I thought Sunday was about church, roast, gravy, dessert, naps and riding around the countryside with my family. I didn’t realize that all that slowing down was giving us something our busy world desperately needs today—permission to stop. To rest. To worship.



Joanna Weatherford Norris and sister-in-law Laura (Warren) Weatherford.



Joanna Weatherford Norris, husband David, and son Joe.

Sunday sirens sounding cause investigated

Many wondered why the emergency sirens in the county were sounding Sunday night. Hickman County Emergency Management says it was not intentional and is investigating a possible system malfunction.

Former Hickman Co. School teacher Patsy Slack passes away

As of press time Tuesday, we have multiple reports that former Hickman County School teacher Patsy Slack Sullivan has passed away. She reportedly died 8 p.m. Monday night in Arkansas. She had her husband were there to attend a wedding. Services and burial will be in Newbern, Tenn., according to a report.

KYTC ROAD UPDATES:

Hickman County (between Clinton & Fulton) Lane restriction in effect on U.S. 51 at MP 2.4, located between KY 1529 and the Hickman-Fulton County Line, for the construction of a new bridge. One lane traffic with alternating flow and an 11-ft. width restriction. Construction in two phases. Estimated project completion by the end of July 2027.

Carlisle County Lane restriction in effect on U.S. 51 at MP 4.4, south of Bardwell, for the construction of a new bridge. One lane traffic with alternating flow and a 10.5-foot width restriction. Construction in two phases. Estimated project completion by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Fulton County KY 1099/7th St. is closed at MP 2.26, at its intersection with KY 125/Union City Highway in Hickman, for construction of a new box culvert. Marked detour via KY 1463. Traffic diversion on KY 125 at this intersection. Overall estimated project completion is November. KY 94/E. Carroll Street is closed due to a slide near MP 12.7 in the city of Hickman. The roadway is closed to thru traffic. KY 1907/Swamp Root Road is closed at MP 1.727 at the Little Bayou de Chien Bridge. KY 1907 connects KY 94 and KY 781 northeast of the Cayce community.

Dog and sheep escapees on the run again

If you followed The Hickman County Times saga not long ago of the dog and brown sheep (looks like a goat) duo that roamed the streets of Clinton, Ky., defying the odds, and capture, for weeks, you know they were finally back home. It appears the duo escaped again and were spotted on North Jefferson Street Monday night. No word Tuesday if they have been recaptured.

Kountry Cafe to be open evening hours on Mondays and Tuesdays

Kountry Cafe in Clinton announced they will be open until 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights starting Sept. 14 and 15. The restaurant is located at 105 N Washington St. They are currently open Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Hickman County Fiscal Court Ordinance 2026-02 FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY			
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and amendment thereof. WHEREAS, the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2026-27 was approved by first reading by the fiscal court on Monday, July 27th, 2026, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Office on August 5, 2026. The adoption and second reading by the fiscal court was held on Monday, August 24th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive.			
SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.			
A. Receipts			
Fund	Account Number	Description	Amount
GENERAL	01-4512-000	Federal 287g Program	\$115,020.57
		Total Amended Revenues	\$115,020.57
B. Appropriations			
Fund	Account Number	Description	Amount
GENERAL	01-5015-314	Federal funds for Sheriff's Office	\$115,020.57
		Total Amended Appropriations	\$115,020.57
SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be published in Hickman County Times by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.			
SECTION THREE: This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.			
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.			