

Not your normal Days of Our Lives Recap

Well that’s so frustrating. You forget all about giving birth to a kid in the 1990s. Steve “Patch” Johnson who works with Black Patch Detective Services, LLC, read something shocking with his one good eye. He goes to Dr Marlena Evans’ apartment and says Bo and Hope found the birth certificate of mystery man Dominic Marino. He gives it to Marlena. She reads the certificate that says Stefano is his daddy and she is the mother. Her eyes get kinda big. She gets all crabby and bent out of shape and talks real sharp to Patch, saying she doesn’t believe that, all the while making a mental note that it’s possible her long Christmas buying list is getting longer. Finally, she admits it might be possible. Patch says the only way to

have him take a DNA test, because everybody knows DNA tests in Salem are accurate and reliable. Haaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa. Joy Wesley continues to fake paralysis at Salem Hospital so Alex, with whom she is obsessed but can’t stalk because she is pretending to be paralyzed, will still have to tend to their daughter and come see her at Salem’s pathetic hospital. She googles medicines she can take to help her fail any tests that might reveal she’s a lying scuzz ball. Salem hospital’s pathetic Dr Sarah Horton is being sued by the family of a patient in her care that was all fidgety like she had rabies and then klunked over dead. This after Dr. Sarah googled her symptoms and everything. It is believed to be in retaliation of her anonymous letter to the state hospital board that DiMera Pharmaceuticals were worse than a diet Sundrop past its

expiration date when it tastes all seltzer-y. Alex takes baby Kelsey to see joy at the hospital and he says he can take her out of the baby buggy so she can hold her. Joy immediately says no, that her arms are feeling kinda weak. Because who wants to hold a baby when you’re faking paralysis, trying to use your cell phone, and got a lot of stuff going on. Dramatic Music Plays. To be continued.

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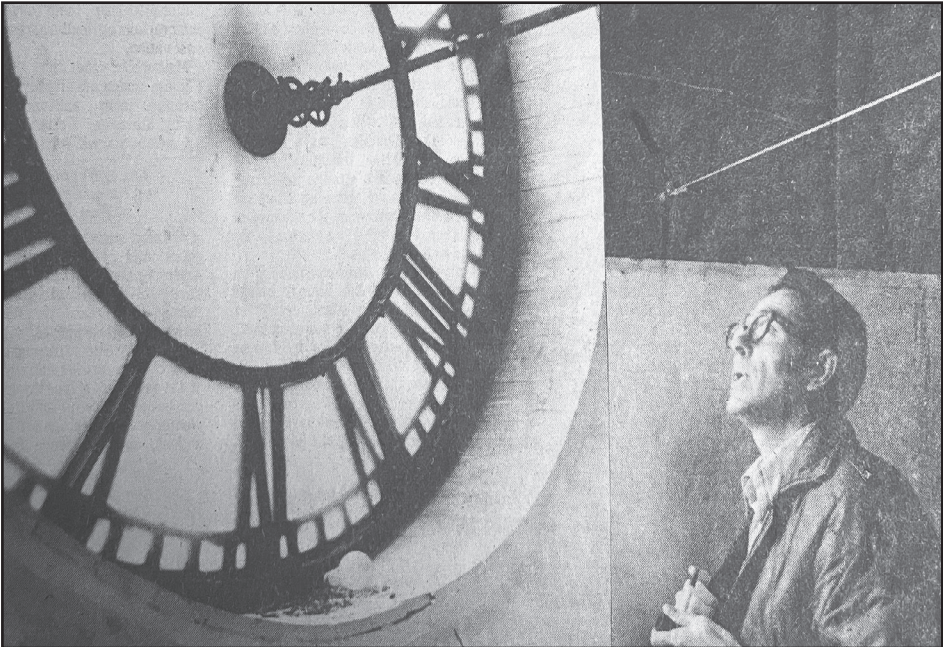
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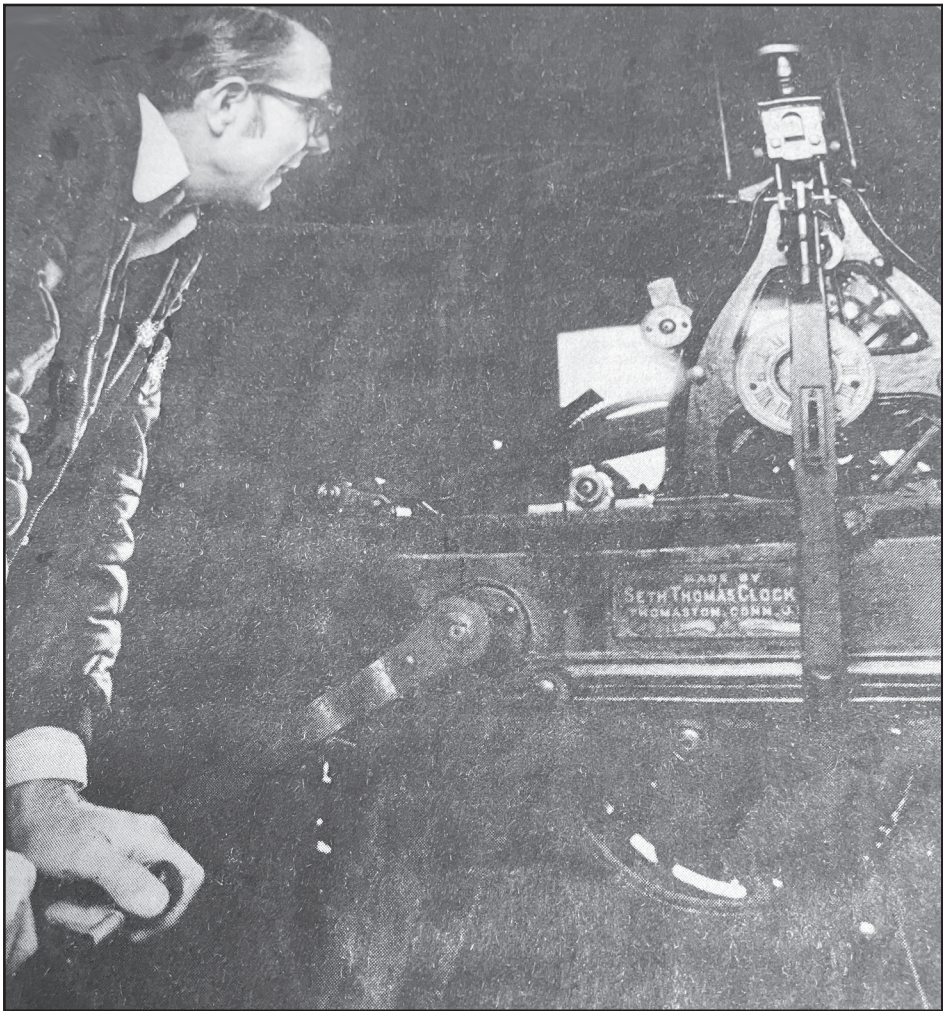
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J.M. Cooper checks the clock face for BB gun damage. (Photo by Berry Craig)



Cooper takes a breather from clock winding chore and checks his progress. (Photo by Berry Craig).

Fulton County Courthouse Clock

Rebuilt clock labor of love

By BERRY CRAIG
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Hickman, Ky.- J.M. Cooper smiles when he tells you about the time he was admonished by a fellow who swore he heard the Fulton County Courthouse clock strike 15 times. “That’s what an old man came and told me once,” declared Cooper, caretaker and restorer of the 74-year old clock, which is the same age as the red brick courthouse. “What the fellow must have heard was the courthouse clock and the Catholic church clock, they strike at about the same time,” Cooper, 52, added with a smile. Time was, though, that the church clock chimed in solo. The courthouse clock stopped in 1962 when its long black hands were stilled ingloriously into a pigeon roost. It wasn’t until 1974 that the Fulton County Fiscal Court got around to fixing the two-ton timepiece. The county fathers decided that Cooper, a self-taught jeweler-clocksmith, was the man for the job, and he was agreeable. “It was in pretty bad shape when I found it,” remembered Cooper. When he climbed the 200 spiraling steps to the top of the clock tower, he discovered once oil-

shined clockworks tarnished and rusty. The dirty work of pigeons was in evidence, too. Undaunted, Cooper rolled up his sleeves and opened his tool box. Down the steep staircase he carried timeworn gears, bearings and assorted pieces that make a Seth Thomas courthouse clock, circa 1904, tick and toll the hours. They came back good as new from his little shop down the hill in the middle of this far western Kentucky county seat on the Mississippi River. Cooper also replaced the old wooden hands and refurbished the glass and steel clockface. In addition, repairs were made to the tower. “The old bricks were pretty loose and striking of the bell could have toppled them,” said Cooper. The bronze bell weighs 1,200 pounds and its striker-hammer 45. Two hundred work hours after he started, Cooper finished his labor of love. “It was the day before Christmas,” he said, with a smile and a satisfied puff on his pipe. Cooper winds the clock every eight days, oils it monthly and cleans it annually. A while back, Fulton County Judge-Executive James- better known as “Buck”- Menees volunteered to take on the winding chore. But a few trips up and

down the steps and several turns at the big crank which lifts the clock’s 800 pounds timing ball convinced the judge otherwise. “Whew,” he said. “I didn’t know it took that much hard work,” reported Cooper. “It started getting run down and people would ask me about that,” said Cooper, chucking. “I’d go and tell the judge and he’d make excuses like, ‘I couldn’t wind it, I was in court,’ and so forth.” Menees delegated a county employee as official clock winder but his tenure was shorter than the judge’s. “It’s all my job now, but I don’t mind,” said Cooper. Cooper figures the clock should run at least another 50 years. “Maybe longer if they can get somebody to mind it after me,” he speculated. “But right now it’s in A-1 shape.” There has been talk of replacing the old clock’s manpowered winding system with an electric mechanism. “That could be done, alright,” said Cooper, frowning. “But then the clock wouldn’t be original, and I’m not sure I’d like that.” Times editor’s note update: Today, John Varden tends to the clock, and it still works! He said it just needs winding and oiling once a week.

FINAL SUMMARY OF HICKMAN COUNTY
ORDINANCE NUMBER _2026-03_.

An Ordinance of the Fiscal Court of Hickman County, Kentucky, Declaring a Temporary Twelve-Month Emergency Moratorium on the Construction, Expansion, and Operation of High-Impact Data Center Facilities and High-Density Computing Operations Pending Infrastructure, Environmental, and Natural Resource Capacity Studies; Establishing Neutral Performance-Based Exemption Thresholds; Providing for Administrative Petitions and Appeals; and Fixing Penalties, Civil Fines, Daily Accruals, Stop-Work Orders, and Injunctive Remedies for Violations

This ordinance imposes a temporary 12-month emergency moratorium on the construction, establishment, physical expansion, and operation of high-impact data center facilities within Hickman County, Kentucky. “High-impact data center facilities” are any building, structure, complex, or site dedicated to centralized digital information processing, server hosting, cloud computing, artificial intelligence processing, or digital transaction processing that meets any one (1) or more of the following operational thresholds:

Electric Utility Demand: A continuous or peak electrical load requirement equal to or exceeding two (2) megawatts (MW), or requiring dedicated utility substation infrastructure modifications.

Water Resource Draw: A continuous or peak consumption rate exceeding ten thousand (10,000) gallons per day of groundwater, surface water, or public utility water for thermal management, cooling towers, or operational processes.

Acoustic Output: Operational acoustic emissions exceeding fifty-five (55) dBA between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., or fifty (50) dBA between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., measured at the boundary line of any receiving property.

This restriction shall be in force for 12 months from the Ordinance’s enactment date. During this timespan, county officials and agencies are prohibited from processing or issuing permits, electrical authorizations, or utility connections for high-impact data centers. Applicants or landowners may petition the Fiscal Court for an exception by submitting professional engineer-certified studies at their own expense proving zero net negative impacts on groundwater, electrical grid stability, acoustic limits, and county roads. The Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing within 30 days of receiving a completed petition.

During the moratorium, the Fiscal Court will investigate and conduct a study of high-impact computing operations, which may include consultation with legal counsel, engineering consultants, public utility partners, and outside sources.

The Ordinance imposes civil fines of \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses. Each day of non-compliance constitutes a separate offense. Unpaid fines become a lien against the real property at 12% annual interest. In addition, it establishes criminal misdemeanor penalties per daily offense of up to \$5,000 for corporations, and Class A Misdemeanor charges (up to \$500 fine and/or 12 months imprisonment) for individuals who knowingly authorize violations. Lastly, the Ordinance permits the Fiscal Court to pursue preliminary/permanent injunctions and abatement orders in Hickman Circuit Court. Citation or Stop-Work Order recipients may appeal to the Fiscal Court within 7 calendar days for an administrative hearing held within 15 days.

The above numbered ordinance was approved by the Fiscal Court of Hickman County, Kentucky by two readings. First reading was held on August 24, 2026. The second reading of said ordinance was held on September 28, 2026, and therefore is duly adopted.

A complete copy of the ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the Hickman County Judge/Executive, and those who call the office can receive a copy mailed or emailed to them upon request.