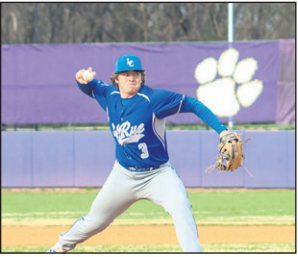


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Courtesy of Laney Looten
Professor Plum, Mr. Green, Mrs. White are all lined up behind Ms. Scarlett, in the dining room, eavesdropping through a closed door to the library in Elizabethtown High School's spring production of "Clue." Audiences can catch one of two performances at 6:30 p.m. Friday or Saturday at the Elizabethtown Performing Arts Center inside T.K. Stone Middle School on Morningside Drive.

Elizabethtown theatre students present classic whodunit 'Clue'

BY GREG THOMPSON
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It's tech week at the Elizabethtown Performing Arts Center inside T.K. Stone Middle School on Morningside Drive and theater students are preparing for their next performance.

The classic whodunnit "Clue" is the second show under the direction of theatre teacher Random Harrison.

"We have started tech week. We started on Sunday," Harrison said. "We are in the thick of it right now."

Colonel Mustard, Mrs. White, Professor Plum and the rest are on stage 6:30 p.m. Friday and the same time Saturday. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in advance at gofan.co and searching for Elizabethtown High School. They also can be bought at the door, cash only.

Fifteen students, from sixth grade through seniors in high school make up the cast.

With "Clue" having a PG rating, Harrison tried to fill the main cast with high school students.

"But Col. Mustard is being played by a sixth-grader, and he's doing a great job," Harrison said.



Courtesy of Laney Looten
Professor Plum (Peyton DeWitt), from left, Mr. Green (Peyton Rockwell), Ms. Scarlett (Ellanor Fraley), Col. Mustard (Maddox Goff) and Mrs. Peacock (Kelsey Wayne) rehearse their production of "Clue." Performances are at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Elizabethtown Performing Arts Center inside T.K. Stone Middle School on Morningside Drive.

Senior Laney Looten is portraying Wadsworth, who is kind of the narrator of the show, leading other characters to the various places in the mansion where the murder has occurred.

Harrison said the logistics of making the doors and rooms work out on stage have been both exciting but also somewhat challenging.

"We've got what we've been

calling 'dooreography,' " Harrison said, with some of the doors on wheels.

As actors come through the doors they spin around leading to yet another part of the mansion.

The way the students have stepped up and worked around and through every aspect of the

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Elizabethtown sewer rates rising

BY GINA CLEAR
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Sewer rates for Elizabethtown residents are rising.

After hearing second reading of an ordinance to repeal the city's former sewer rates and approve new rates, city council approved the increase.

New sewer bills for residents will increase to \$14.46 for the first 2,000 and \$6.36 for every 1,000 gallons over the minimum, which Elizabethtown Public Information Officer Amy Inman said would likely cost customers \$27.18, based on usage estimates from city records.

That's comparable to the average cost of \$18.80 previously, Inman said.

The rate increase approved Monday is part of a gradual escalating scale over the course of three years, with rates rising to \$16.70 in 2026, \$18.95 in 2027 and \$19.52 in 2028 for the first 2,000 gallons.

It is the first sewer rate increase since 2012, Inman said.

Connection fees also will be increased with the ordinance approval — the city's first since 1999 — with the single-family housing connection cost rising to \$1,500, non-residential fees costing between \$2,000 and \$5,000 based on square footage of the building, and industrial users paying \$10,000.

Councilman Marty Fulkerson asked about the difference in cost of the Leachate from Pearl Hollow Landfill, priced at \$0.1175 a gallon or \$28.1535 a ton, to all other hauled waste, which includes treatment of grease trap waster produced by local restaurants, at \$16 a gallon or \$38.3693 a ton.

Wasterwater Department Manager Corey Bond said the difference in the cost is the amount of treatment each requires at the plant.

"Theirs is dripping from the landfill, so it's high in chloride and certain other chemicals, so that just runs through the plant," Bond said of the Leachate from the landfill. "Whereas, the grease and septic tanks have to be treated and we have to remove the solids from it and then that goes back to the landfill."

Fulkerson said he was being told by some restaurant owners the price difference could cost them an extra \$100 per extract of the grease trap.

Bond said that was possible depending on the size of the tank because the price is doubling from \$.08 a gallon to \$.16 a gallon, which makes the rates more comparable to nearby cities which also accepted waste from outside its limits for processing.

"We've more than doubled how many we've had," Bond said of out-of-county haulers bringing waste to the Elizabethtown plant for treatment instead of going to a closer treatment plant because the rates were so low. "In 2017 or '18, we had four. Now we're up to 12."

Fulkerson asked if any thought was given to providing a cheaper rate for local users.

"That hasn't been looked at specifically," Bond said. "One thing that has changed is we used to only allow only from inside city limits. That was obviously an issue for those on septic tanks because those inside city limits are on sewer. ... Here recently, it's created a pretty big burden because

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Vine Grove approves budget amendment for storm water project

BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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Vine Grove City Council has adopted a new budget amendment for a project that will help reduce flooding in a neighborhood in the city, officials say.

City engineer Bob Woosley said the project is to going to take place at 130 Lowball Lane.

"Lowball Lane was designed to drain to a sink-

hole behind that property," Woosley said. "The flood event of Feb. 17, it could not handle the flow that's coming to it and, to my understanding, it's done this before."

Woosley said he came up with a solution to provide relief for the area.

"If the sinkhole can't take it, the water can drain

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E'town organizes two new events to celebrate the Easter season

BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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As the spring weather starts to settle in, Elizabethtown has events planned to give residents the opportunity to celebrate the Easter season.

The first of the events is the Bunny Brunch at The Historic State Theater.

Beth Pyles, city events manager, said this is the first year for the brunch.

"The brunch is this Saturday and there are two seating's for

the event," Pyles said. "One at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m."

Tickets are \$20 and include professional photos with the Easter Bunny, a brunch selection of food, games, activities, and arts and crafts.

Tickets can be purchased at thestate270.org or by calling the theater at 270-234-8258

"It mimics our Christmas with Santa, but we're partnering with the Easter Bunny," Pyles said. "It's going to be a wonderful opportunity for fam-

ilies to come together and celebrate Easter."

The second of the monthly Easter events is a Bunny Hunt at Freeman Lake Park.

"It's a self-guided scavenger hunt," Pyles said. "Participants can either stop by the park office to get the clue sheet or download that from our website at etownevents.org."

According to Pyles, once participants pick up the bunny clue sheet, they can take a scenic

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QUESTION: Was your route to work Monday affected by flood waters?

Yes: 16.8 percent • **No:** 32.9 percent

I don't drive to work: 50.3 percent

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