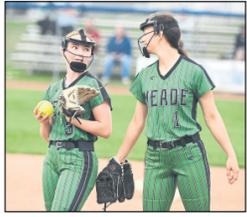


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Annual report shows 2025 a good year for E'town

BY GREG THOMPSON
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The City of Elizabethtown released its 2025 annual report Monday at its regular council meeting.

"We've done this for the last three or four years, talking about some of the highlights, some of the good works we've done in the city in the previous year," Mayor Jeff Gregory said.

Gregory mentioned straightaway, property taxes and the city's ability to lower the rate.

When the Hardin County property valuation office conducts assessments of property and raises the value,

causing property taxes to increase, the mayor says the council often gets blamed.

"The truth is, we have lowered property taxes," Gregory said.

The crime rate in the city was another statistic emphasized. In the last three years, overall crime totals have decreased by nearly 24%, the city report said.

"I think that's quite an accomplishment, especially in the way we're growing," Gregory said.

The city paved slightly more than 11 miles of streets at a cost of \$1.265 million last year.

After Winter Storm Fern unloaded on Hardin County at the end of

January and early February, potholes have appeared on many city streets.

The mayor believes Elizabethtown's streets are in good shape.

"We get the credit or the blame, whichever you like to call it, sometimes for arterial state roads that run through the middle of Elizabethtown, and those aren't ours to maintain," Gregory said.

North Mulberry, Ring Road, St. John Road, U.S. 31W and the 31W Bypass, all are examples of roads that are part of the state maintenance system.

Traffic collisions were down almost

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At its next meeting, Elizabethtown City Council will have second reading of an ordinance annexing 17 acres to extend its western boundary along U.S. 62 near the Cecilia junction.

Improving pressure and quality in Vine Grove

New meter vault promises better water pressure

BY GREG THOMPSON
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Chris Mayhew leaned against a wood utility post that simply wasn't wide enough to protect him from the bite of Tuesday's determined wind.

The public works director for the City of Vine Grove stood atop an embankment near the intersection of Ky. 313 and Rogersville Road as a crew from Hardin County Water District 1 attached cables to a concrete vault.

"Thank God this day has come," Mayhew said. "This will improve water pressure and quality for everyone in the southeastern part of the city."

Weighing 38,000 pounds, the vault sat on a flatbed trailer as the crew checked



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Once the meter vault is in place, a crew with Hardin County Water District No. 1 will connect it to its water main. Vine Grove Public Works then will run pipe to its water main.

each cable before climbing down and the signal was given to raise it.

Mayhew said it took the city about two months of wading through permits and permissions before it could

begin the project.

"The City of Vine Grove wanted an additional wholesale purchase point for their water system," said Justin Metz, general manager of HCWD 1. "The project

is funded by the City of Vine Grove, and it will increase the available water capacity to their distribution system."

The meter vault was lifted

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A crew member from Hardin County Water District No. 1 helps guide a new meter vault Tuesday. Once the work is complete, it will improve water pressure and quality for residents in the southeastern part of the city.

Colvin Center turning green for St. Patty's Day party Friday

BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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The St. Patrick's Day spirit will extend to Friday in Radcliff.

Radcliff Parks and Recreation is hosting a Special Needs Party from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Colvin Community Center with a luck of the Irish theme.

"I would describe it as a dance and an open space for everyone to feel comfortable enjoying music and being with their friends," Parks and Recreation Director Rebekah Kammeyer said.

The party is free and open to everyone with a family member that has special needs.

No age restrictions or limits are placed on the St. Patty's Day celebration. It is for anyone with disabilities, Kammeyer said.

"The event really helps connect and welcomes new friendships," Kammeyer said.

Activities planned for the evening include music provided by a DJ plus beverages and food.

Radcliff Parks and Recreation



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Participants in the special-needs party dance together last year. The Radcliff Parks and Recreation staff is staging it again beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff.

holds a party of this nature a couple of times a year. One in the fall, around Halloween, and one close to spring.

"I look forward to how much of a good time everyone has. There is no judgment when it comes to dancing and everyone is just



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Karlee Willman, left, and her caretaker Rick Davis dance at Colvin Community Center for a Special Needs St. Patrick's Day party. The celebration returns this Friday.

out for a good time," Kammeyer said. "We want people to come out and ready for a good time."

If anyone would like to volunteer

to help or if they have any questions concerning Friday's Special Needs Party, call Colvin Community Center at 270-351-4079.



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No new death notices were reported today by area funeral homes.

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Results of The News-Enterprise online poll as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.
Do you have a home improvement project in mind this spring?
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OPINION

Grover Cleveland knew how to say no

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