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Voters mark their ballots Tuesday while those who have finished get in line to cast their vote to the left at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown.

Election Day sees large turnout in Hardin County

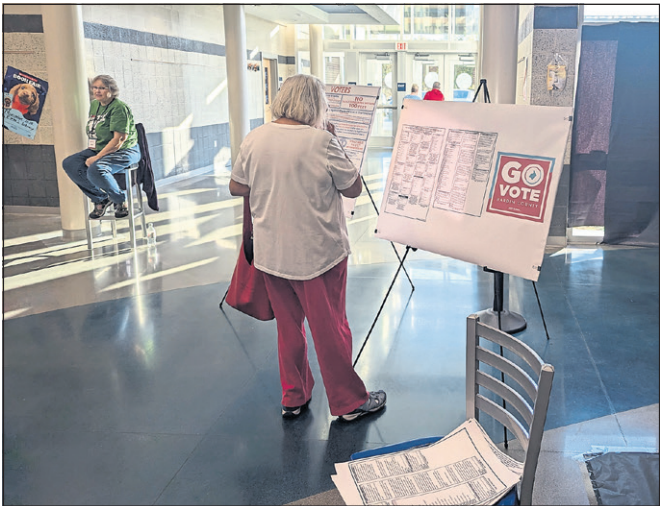
BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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For an election cycle several pundits have dubbed the most important of a generation, Hardin County voters turned out in record numbers for the 2024 General Election.

The general election has seen lines forming out the door at several of its 15 different polling centers across the Hardin County region for the roughly 89,000 registered voters.

"So we don't really know what the overall turnout is going to be," Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith said earlier Tuesday. "But given what we've seen in early voting, ... it wouldn't surprise me if Hardin County turns out at a higher percentage than ever before."

In early voting, Hardin County registered 15,566 voters took advantage of the early three-day voting. That's on top of the almost 1,700 voters who



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Voters across the 15 voting locations in Hardin County had the opportunity Tuesday at the polls to read a sample ballot before they cast their vote. The polls were open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

took advantage of in-person absentee voting.

After polls closed, Smith said the county was upward of 50% voter turnout. In the morning, Smith said polls were seeing 3,000 voters an hour, then it tapered off through-

out the afternoon, with no more than five to 10 minute wait all afternoon.

At day's end Tuesday, Hardin County had 29,340 of registered voters cast ballots.

Of the voters in line Tuesday, some said they

want to see a change and the way they believe to do so is by casting their ballots.

"Well there's a lot of people in Hardin County it's pretty diverse and there's a lot of issues," Hardin County voter Crystal Jackson said. "A lot of agriculture friends of mine want to have their voices heard."

Carleigh Mattingly, a Glendale resident, came to play a part in the decision-making at all levels of government.

"I want to have a say in the leadership for the community, state and nation and this is my way to do it," Mattingly said. "I hope that we get candidates into offices that are going to bring our nation more together. They can stop the polarization and then push things forward to help with the well-being of everyone in our country."

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The former First Presbyterian Church, which was home to the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame in downtown Elizabethtown, will be used by city of Elizabethtown's operations to include a new council chamber to accommodate the city's growth.

E'town to lease building it once owned for city operations

BY GINA CLEAR
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The city of Elizabethtown has entered into a lease agreement for a property it once owned.

After donating the former First Presbyterian Church to the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014, the city now will lease the building from new owner Kevin Addington of Addington Properties for \$5,000 a month.

The city entered into a fee simple title contract in November 2014 and gave the property adjacent to City Hall to the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame Board.

Addington purchased the property at 212 W. Dixie Ave. in August 2023 for \$575,000, following the hall of fame's decision to vacate the property. In the same month, the city announced it would be moving its council meetings to use its chambers at city hall for additional workspace for a growing staff.

Addington allowed the hall of fame a year following the purchase before vacating the property.

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Vine Grove prepares for improvements at water treatment plant

BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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Vine Grove City Council was informed on the improvements underway for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at its monthly meeting Monday.

City Engineer Bob Woosley said they plan to complete the improvement in December, around Christmas time.

One of the biggest improvements is the new oxidation ditch, which is one of their primary sources of treatment.

"The oxidation ditch is going to add redundancy and help us increase our ability to treat at the sight," Woosley

said. "The old ditch is going to be rehabilitated."

Other big improvement is the sledge processing building, where they will purchase a press that will process the sludge that will better fit the city's operations.

"Instead of the solids going to the land farming, as we do now, we're going to buy a piece of equipment that will press and dry material that can be used for fertilizer and many other beneficial reusable products," Woosley said.

Woosley said they also plan to improve on safety issues

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Motorcade added to Monday's Veterans Day ceremony

BY GREG THOMPSON
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With Veterans Day approaching Monday, the city of Elizabethtown is preparing for its annual ceremony with the American Legion Hardin Post 113, but this year with a twist.

City Events Coordinator Beth Pyles said they are organizing a motorcade in which any area veteran can participate.

Veterans wishing to participate are asked to meet at American Legion Park, 801 N. Miles St., between 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. for the lineup. The motorcade will proceed from the park on North Miles to Ring Road and conclude at the Elizabethtown Nature Park



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Veterans in attendance stand to be recognized during last year's Veterans Day Ceremony at Elizabethtown Nature Park. The ceremony was co-hosted by the city of Elizabethtown and American Legion Post 113 in Elizabethtown and returns Monday with the ceremony starting at 11 a.m.

for the ceremony that starts at 11 a.m.

"We're encouraging businesses that are along the route

and citizens to line the route to show their respect," Pyles said.

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QUESTION: Do you view the 2024 general election as the most important of your lifetime?	
Yes: 70.1 percent • No: 29.9 percent	
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