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Magistrate recanvass reveals same outcome: Muse by 2

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At 9 a.m. on the button, Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith called to order a special meeting of the Hardin County Board of Elections at the Dr. Edward K. Hand Medical Building in Radcliff.

The building now serves as storage for the county's voting machines. It also was the location for Thursday's recanvassing of the 8th District Hardin County Magistrate's race between Republican incumbent Kenny Muse and challenger Jonathan Breeding.

By the end of the Primary Election on May 19 only two votes separated the men with Muse edging out a victory.

"I've had a number of conversations with both candidates about this process. Both gentlemen have been gentlemen, and both gentlemen have been professional, and I appreciate that," Smith said. "I know what it's like to love the results coming in, and know what it's like to not like the results coming in."

Muse, his wife, Roselle, daughter and self-proclaimed favorite child, Leanda, and brother, Richard attended the recanvass, while Breeding, who was not present due to a death in the family, asked two trusted friends, Jeff Yates and Paul



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Paul Hayse, representing Jonathan Breeding who was attending a family funeral, looks at a chart on a hallway wall during a Thursday morning recanvass from the 8th District Magistrate's race. Just two votes separated Breeding from incumbent Kenny Muse.

Hayse, to represent him. "He's right where he needs to be," Smith said.

Thirty-nine voting machines were inspected. Smith read aloud the paper tapes of each one with Muse and Yates close by, members of the Board of Elections, and Election Supervisor Ashley McMurty, also within reach.

As the numbers from the last machine were read, the outcome was no different. The count was still 583 votes for Muse - 581 for Breeding.

The ever seemingly calm incumbent admitted election night was all over the place. "I was nervous the whole time, just waiting for the final results," Muse said. "That's all I could do."

There is nothing he would have done any different during the campaign, and Muse added he is happy about the results.

"That's just too close," Hayse said.

He and Yates both said it will be a decision Breeding will have to make as whether

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Courtesy of the Elizabethtown Police Department

Elizabethtown Police Department K9 Zeus died last week while completing training. Zeus was a narcotic detection dog who worked alongside Patrolman Sean Fentress.

EPD mourns loss of K9 Zeus, who was 'more than a police dog'

BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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The Elizabethtown Police Department is mourning after losing one of their own K9 companions.

K9 Zeus, a 5-year-old narcotic detection dog, died during training last week, according to EPD Public Information Officer Chris Denham.

"He was doing narcotic detection work and there was an exposure," Denham said.

Patrolman Sean Fentress, who joined the EPD in December 2024, was Zeus's handler. EPD had Zeus since March.

According to Denham, Zeus made a lasting impact on the community.

"Since he got his certification for EPD, he's been at events and was certainly well received," Denham said.

In a Facebook Post to the EPD's page, Denham said that K-9s are more than working partners and that they are members of their handlers family.

"These handlers, they spend their time off with their family and then they go to work. That dog is part of their family. They spend time with their family and the dog during their time off and then their entire shift at work is spent with their canine," Denham said. "They spend more time

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Warm Blessings continues fight against food insecurity

BY THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

As the global community observed World Hunger Day Wednesday, Warm Blessings Community Kitchen is shining a light on food insecurity in Hardin County. While hunger is often viewed as a distant crisis, Warm Blessings remains on the front lines locally, ensuring that no resident of Elizabethtown or the surrounding areas experiences hunger.

According to recent data from the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 15 percent of Hardin County

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Meals like this are prepared for delivery to participating neighbors across Hardin County.

Summer movie series returns to State Theater

BY KODEE BRINEGAR
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Families looking to enjoy some time together are invited to catch one of the many movies offered Tuesdays at the State Theater in Elizabethtown.

The 2026 Summer Movie Series offers showings at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday this summer beginning Tuesday through July 28.

"Our goal is to provide an affordable entertainment option for our community during the summer months," City Events Manager Beth Pyles said. "This is the 8th year for our Summer Movie Series, and our theme is the 'Summer of Adventure' with a great selection of adventure themed movies on our schedule."

The following shows are featured in the series: "Smurfs (2025)" on Tuesday, "The Emperor's New Grove" on June 9, "Up" on June 16, "Aladdin" on June 23, "Planes" on July 1, "Sing 2" on June 30, "Wish" on July 7, "Tangled" on July 14, "Ratatouille" on July 21 and "Peter Pan" on July 28.

With tickets \$1 for adults and children, Pyles said the concessions are also affordable.

"We have a kids pack that includes a kids drink, popcorn

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SINCE YOU ASKED

Results of The News-Enterprise online poll as of 5 p.m. Thursday. Are you a morning person or night owl?
Morning: 58.5% • Night owl: 41.5%

TODAY'S QUESTION: Have you attended Tavern in the Garden at the Brown-Pusey House?

CHANGES IN TRAFFIC

Changes in traffic patterns are coming at the first of the week that motorists need to be aware of. **A2**

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