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Lighting up the night sky in a duel to the death was the UFO and battleplane at the 2025 Dry Ridge Party in the Park.



Luna Taylor gets her hand signed by Who Dey, the Cincinnati Bengals' mascot, at the 2025 Party in the Park. Inset shows the autograph; no doubt it was awhile before she washed that hand.

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Bringing ohs and ahs, the fireworks show was provided by Vito's with "Garrett Crabtree" providing "all light show work." The show included everything from clouds in the lasers, dancing lights, a firefall and a battle of UFO vs.

Battleplane; all with the soundtrack of dance and rock "designed by Ken Little and Joey Dupuy with Street Art Kustoms." Grant County Tourism and Heritage Bank provided funding for the event. Little noted "Party in the Park has grown to be the largest event in the county every year." He extended his thanks to "all the vendors and suppliers that help make this

event a success." Specifically he wanted to thank "the Dry Ridge Clerks Office, Public Works, Dry Ridge Police Department, Dry Ridge Fire Department for keeping all involved safe." Little said "a lot of time planning and preparing goes into an event of this caliber." Indeed, he said planning "is already in progress for next year."

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councilmembers had any interest in pursuing their legalization in Williamstown. No one said a word; the matter was dropped. Henson announced that McBrayer, the city's law firm, is working on updating the personnel policy. He said it should be finished in time for the Sept. 16 council meeting. Henson said the city has received a check in the amount of \$7,220 from Big Fish Farms, the company contracted to harvest paddlefish in Williamstown Lake. Broken down, the revenue from caviar was \$5,688 (20% at \$120 per pound); revenue from meat was \$908 (20% at \$4 per pound) and revenue from live fish sales was \$624 ((20%). The city's contract with Big Fish Farms expires in March, after the next harvest season.

-During approval of the minutes from the Aug. 19 meeting, Crupper wanted it made clear in the minutes that in the second reading of Ordinance 2025-13, changing the zoning of a piece of property on U.S.25 from Agricultural to Planned Unit Development, council preferred the northern entrance to the subdivision be built first, believing it to be in a safer spot than the proposed southern entrance. Henson recommended using the same tax rate as 2024/2025 (tax on real property .371 and personal property .490 per \$100 assessed valuation). There will be a public hearing on the matter Friday, Sept. 19, at noon. Council approved the first reading of the tax rate to take place Sept. 19, at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Williamstown City Council will be Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. at the City Building, 400 North Main Street.

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