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West Salem sees drop in water loss

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The water loss problem that has plagued the Village of West Salem in recent years may be diminishing. During their September regular meeting, the West Salem Board of Trustees was informed that the water loss percentage for the village in the previous

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AGS/WSGS to switch to SIJHSA for winter sports

By AMY WINTER
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The Edwards County Community School Unit School District #1 Board of Education had their regularly scheduled meeting Sept. 21 and approved several new business agenda items, to include sports association affiliation. In a letter to the Superin-

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EC to showcase in Annual Conference on Illinois History

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The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will be hosting the 22nd Annual Conference on Illinois History Oct. 5-9 virtually. Session 18 on Oct. 8 will be a particularly interesting session, as it focuses on Edwards County: From Prairie to Progress: Women, the Land and Community in Edwards County, Illinois - Past and Present. There will be three presentations evolving around Edwards County: "Grace,

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Navigator seeks submissions for annual Vet Day Tab

The Navigator is seeking out help from area veterans for our annual Veterans Day Tab.

Any veteran within our coverage area who would like to submit their military picture, rank and/or a write-up or summary of their service to their country is encouraged to send such materials to The Navigator's Albion or Grayville Offices. The Albion office is located at 19 West Main Street P.O. Box 10, while the Grayville office is situated at 113 North Middle Street.

Submissions may also be sent via email to gatedreditor1@gmail.com

The deadline for submissions for the tab has been set for Thursday, Nov. 5. For more information, call our Albion office at 618-445-2355.

Buy the Barrel

The posted price for a barrel of Illinois Basin crude oil stood at \$33.60 as of Tuesday up \$1.29 cents from the last posted price, according to Countrymark Cooperative.



EC FFA selected as National Finalist

By T.J. HUG
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The Edwards County FFA program one of just 10 chapters nationally up for an award acknowledging their efforts to strengthen agriculture in their local community.

The chapter was selected as a finalist in the Strengthening Agriculture category by the FFA National Chapter for its efforts to educate the public about the dairy industry during National Milk Day this past January. The selection marks the first time in the program's history that it has been in the running for the distinction.

The selection was by no means anticipated by the members of the Edwards County FFA.

"They were very surprised," said Michelle Wiseman, Adviser of the Edwards County chapter, on her students' reaction to their chapter's selection as a National Finalist. "They are also very proud that their hard work earned this distinction."

The Edwards County chap-

Blake Mewes, Student Advisor, volunteered his skills for the "Got Milk?" photo station during the Edwards County FFA's National Milk Day informational evening last January. Photo provided.

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Niemerg speaks at EC Republicans meeting

By T.J. HUG
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Adam Niemerg, Republican candidate for State Representative of Illinois' 109th District, served as guest speaker for the Edwards County Republicans Monday night.

Niemerg, who grew up in Teutopolis, addressed 18 Republicans in the shelter house of the Albion City Park during the party's monthly meeting. The candidate focused most of his words on relating to those in attendance through his conservative values.

"I can stand here and talk about the Fair Tax," said Niemerg. "I can stand here and talk about being pro-life, our conservative ideology and what makes us Republican and who we are."

"We all share that same vision."

For Niemerg, that vision started at a young age, eating meals with his family.

"My family is very political-



Adam Niemerg, Republican candidate for State Representative of Illinois' 109th District, addresses a crowd of Edwards County Republicans Monday night. Photo by T.J. Hug.

ly active at the dining room table," he said. "So I just kind of grew up that way, very conservative."

Niemerg stated that he was wondering "What he could do to help" conservative efforts within the state when he first heard that current 109th District State Representative Darren Bailey would be running for the State Senate rather than seeking to retain his seat in the Nov. 3, 2020 election.

"Backtrack a couple of months, when those horrible abortion bills passed through the legislature, I was completely and totally appalled."

"That would have to be the last straw, the catalyst that made me say, 'Okay, I've really got to think about what I can do and how I can really get things going in this state.'"

As such, the state rep hopeful assured the Edwards County Republicans on hand that he would represent their

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Trick-or-Treating in Grayville now slated on Halloween night

By AMY WINTER
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At the Grayville City Council meeting held on Monday, Mayor Travis Thompson announced it had been brought to his attention that residents of Grayville were curious as to why Trick-or-Treating for this year was set for Friday, Oct. 30 instead of Saturday, Oct. 31, Halloween night.

Finance Commissioner David Jordan mentioned that at the last meeting, he suggested Friday thinking perhaps residents would like the entire weekend for other activities, but there was no real reason why it couldn't be adjusted to Oct. 31.

The council unanimously voted to move Trick-or-Treating to Saturday, Oct. 31 at

the same time as previously approved, from 5-8 p.m.

Both the Mayor and City Attorney Jay Walden maintained that if any resident was not comfortable with this decision, they did not have to participate; they could choose to leave their lights off, or place a sign stating their intentions not pass out candy.

All of these decisions, of course, hinge on the current environment within the state of Illinois. If Governor J. B. Pritzker or the Illinois Department of Public Health, for example, canceled Halloween state-wide or restricted certain areas, the City would have to comply and the Trick-or-Treating schedule would thus have to be withdrawn.

The council unanimously approved to extend and renew Mayor Thompson's emergency powers originally granted to

him during a special meeting on Aug. 27, when they adopted an ordinance establishing temporary executive powers to extend it on both Sept. 14 and Sept. 28. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

Arlynn Stroman from Botsch & Associates gave a presentation to the council of City's recent audit, covering May 2019 through April 2020. After the presentation and

explanations, Jordan asked her, "even though there's no findings, any recommendations coming from your office on what we need to do?"

Stroman replied, "...my biggest concern, is the fact that the Sewer Department runs in overdraft situation all the time. I don't like it." While most present laughed at this last comment, including Jordan, he affirmed that the City of Grayville did not like it, either.

"I would love to just see a transfer of some money over there, just to show that in a positive light," Stroman continued. Jordan assured her that changed were made to the current budget, "...which of course is not reflected in tonight's presentation," but

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