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EC School Board passes \$1.8 million bond

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The Edwards County Community Unit School District 1 Board of Education called for a special meeting to move forward on the "motion for consideration and action on a resolution providing for the issue of \$1,800,000 General Obligation school Bonds, Series 2020, of Community Unit School District Number 1, Edwards, Wabash,

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Firefighter pay to be looked at by West Salem Board

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Discussions regarding the method through which West Salem Firefighters are paid have resurfaced amongst in the Village of West Salem Boardroom Monday night.

The West Salem Board of Trustees heard discussion between Village President Dan Baker and members of the West Salem Volunteer Fire Department regarding

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NH Bridge transferred to Illinois, Indiana authorities

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The Harmony Way Bridge is under new ownership.

A press release from the White County Bridge Commission, the organization which previously owned the bridge, announced that the Harmony Way Bridge had been transferred to the Illinois New Harmony

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GCUSD #1 Board sees staff realignments

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Last week's Grayville Community Unit School District 1 Board of Education regular meeting saw several resignations, one new Paraprofessional hire and the appointment of a trainee for the District Secretary position approved by the board.

Senior and Junior High Volleyball Coach Alyssa

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Clint Loehrlein to get new trial

BY LEN WELLS
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A Vanderburgh County, Indiana man serving a 149 year prison sentence for murdering Grayville native Sherry Lynn (McCarty) Loehrlein and seriously injuring the couple's twin daughters in 2017 has been granted a new trial. The conviction of Clint Loehrlein, 52 of Evansville, Indiana has been overturned and a new trial ordered after it was revealed the jury foreperson in the trial



Clint Loehrlein

had lied on a questionnaire about a prior criminal charge and her history as a victim of domestic violence.

In reversing the conviction, the Indiana Court of Appeals on Feb. 21 concluded that



Sherry (McCarty) Loehrlein

"Juror L.W.'s untruthful and misleading responses on the jury questionnaire constituted gross misconduct that harmed Loehrlein by depriving him of the opportunity to further investigate L.W.'s history and remove her from the jury due to her prior history as a victim of domestic violence and as someone who had criminal charges against her dismissed. We therefore reverse Loehrlein's convictions and remand for retrial."

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The Purdue University Purduettes, who will be performing at the Edwards County High School Linda Oxby Gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 4 p.m. ECHS alumni Abbi Rivers will be performing with the Purduettes on her senior tour at Purdue University. Photo provided.

In concert: The Purduettes, featuring Abbi Rivers, ECHS alumni

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This Saturday at 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., come out to the Linda Oxby Gymnasium at Edwards County High School in Albion to see the Purdue University Purduettes in concert. The doors will open at 3:30 p.m. This free concert will feature Purdue University senior Abbi Rivers, who graduated from ECHS in 2016.

"It would make me so happy for everyone from my hometown to see what I have been doing for the last four years.

Our group works so diligently to put on a great show and I promise you won't be disappointed!"

The Purduettes are a premier female vocal ensemble from Purdue Musical Organizations, highlighting the considerable musical talents of more than 60 vocalists through full ensemble selections as well as small group and solo presentations. The Purduettes also celebrate music of all genres with a vast repertoire.

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West Salem in line to receive \$900K waterline loan

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The Village of West Salem is just one step away from being awarded a roughly \$900,000 loan to replace all of its two and four-inch waterlines.

The West Salem Board of Trustees elected to apply for the \$898,300 loan, offered through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Public Water Supply Loan program, during the summer of 2019. In a letter sent out by the IEPA to "all interested persons" regarding the project, Pre-Construction Unit Manager for the Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section of the Bureau of Water Heidi Allen noted that a public comment period is all that stands between village's ability to accept the loan.

"The IEPA has reviewed the...project plan and concurs with the applicant's finding the proposed project is technically appropriate and cost effective," Allen stated in the letter. "Unless new information provided through the public comment process causes reconsideration, the Agency will approve this planning at the close of the public comment period."

According to the letter, the village must make the project planning as well as its Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion, available for public inspection and allow 10 days for public comment on the project.

The loan comes with an interest rate of two percent and would be repaid in 20 years, with

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Grayville Police Department to purchase bodycams and cruiser cams

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The citizens and streets of Grayville will soon have additional security; extra "eyes," one might say. The Grayville Police Department will soon have body cameras ("bodycams") and police cruiser cameras for the police department.

This week, the City Council approved the purchase of ProVision's five-camera configuration for each police cruiser with a clip-on body microphone and 360 degree coverage, as well as one bodycam per police officer, making a total of three five-camera car configurations and three bodycams for approximately \$15,000, including extensive vehicular installation and a 5-year warranty. This price reflects a five percent discount for paying in full during the purchase order process.

The GPD will use their impound lot fund to finance the purchase. Furthermore, after further research, the Police Chief, David Burrows changed his recommendation from external WiFi access portal and larger harddrives to complete the ensemble, to ProVision's cloud storage option, which would cost \$90 a month, and includes 50GB per unit. Burrows noted that he was told by the company "that there is a less chance of it being tampered with or anything like that." The cloud storage will allow GPD to download and preserve the audio and video recordings. The council approved Burrows' recommendation.

Also during the regular City Council meeting, the members went into executive session to discuss "the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether

a particular parcel should be acquired; the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body [or] the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees of the Police Department."

The council decided that no action would be taken at that time in regard to those particular statues, as they continue to await further information. Thompson explained, "there will be no action as a result of [the] executive session." Later, Thompson asked Burrows if he had "check[ed]" with the companies about a simple patch," to which Burrows responded in the negative. Thus, the council tabled the GPD roof agenda item, as it relied upon the decision of the executive session.

"I say we still wait until we get some of our other building negotiations that we're looking at; hopefully those will

be in in a few days, and we can explore the options we have there and then decide whether we need to put a roof on it or not...what direction we're going," shared Finance Commissioner David Jordan.

One of the three TIF agreements on the agenda, Tri-State Logistics, LLC, a hauling business owned by Michael and Moriah Pipher in the Grayville Industrial Park, requested from the City additional property on south side west of Rides Mass Transit to build a shop due to their growth in the past five years since relocating to Grayville from Olney. In 2015, the City provided the company a lot in the Industrial Park, along with \$70,000 from the city's revolving loan fund for a small office building and a trucking yard.

The council approved the additional property, with a

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Buy the Barrel

The posted price for a barrel of Illinois Basin crude oil stood at \$43 as of Tuesday down \$2 from the last posted price, according to Countrymark Cooperative.

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