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## Grayville to cash in CD to finance gas pipeline relocation

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Several agenda items were tackled at this week's Grayville City Council regular meeting, yet several more were bypassed or tabled, mainly due to insufficient information, however, the emergency gas project as previously reported was addressed with gusto.

"On Feb. 26, Darren Hotchkins visited the loca-

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## Race for 55th District Senate seat pits Bailey vs. Flemming

BY T.J. HUG  
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While the two candidates vying for the Republican nomination for Illinois 55th District Senate seat may agree on most of the issues currently faced by the state, they differ on the best approach to meet those goals.

Darren Bailey, a farmer from Louisville in Clay County, is finishing his first term as Representa-

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## Marks named Global Programs Coordinator for USGC

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Edwards County native Sadie Marks is now the Global Programs Coordinator of the United States Grains Council.

Marks will work out of the USGC's Washington D.C. office, and "will provide administrative support to the global programs team as well as the

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## Rabies vaccinations for cats required by state law

The City of Albion has witnessed some cases of cat owners within its city limits not vaccinating their animals for rabies, a requirement in the state of Illinois.

Rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian is required in Illinois for all cats four months old and older. This law went into effect as of Jan. 1, 2020.

If a cat is picked up by an animal control officer and its owner cannot produce

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## Buy the Barrel

The posted price for a barrel of Illinois Basin crude oil stood at \$24.25 as of Tuesday down \$16 from the last posted price, according to Countrymark Cooperative.

## EC Scholastic Bowl wins first Regional since 2013



ECHS Scholastic Bowl Coach Will Swardstrom, with team members Zoe Barnes, Torrie Smith, Max Short, Micah Henson, Aaron Brown and Ally Bishop, Krouse pose with the IHSA Regional plaque. Photo provided.

BY WILL SWARDSTROM  
For the Navigator

For the first time since 2013, Edwards County High School is the IHSA Regional Champs for Scholastic Bowl after taking the trophy Monday night in the tournament at Albion. The Lions hosted the eight-team tournament Monday to earn the right to play in the

IHSA Sectional Tournament Saturday in Fairfield. The first round of competition – the quarterfinals – pitted the teams against one another in single elimination play. EC came into the tournament as the fourth-seeded team in the sectional and the top seed at the regional. The Lions easily

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## Grayville key to city awarded to Davis on 100th Birthday

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As a crowd of roughly 130 Wells Elementary Grade School children finished singing "Happy Birthday to You" in front of his house, Henry Davis took in the scene from his front porch.

Then, he sang back, a sly grin across his face.

*Happy birthday to you  
You live in a zoo  
You look like a monkey  
And you smell like one, too*

The Grayville man, who had just turned 100 years old and had received the key to the city from Mayor Travis Thompson just minutes beforehand, was no stranger to the children, living directly across from the grade school.

"What happens is, kids go by and I just holler at 'em, give 'em candy and stuff," said Davis.

Still, seeing a parade of children, teachers and administrators in tow, march across North Street and to his porch was a sight that caught him off guard.

"I've never seen anything like that," said Davis. "All those kids coming over here."

And with Davis living at his current location for decades, never covers a significant span of time.

"I moved into this house right here in 1948," he noted.

But his connection to the school goes beyond mere proximity.

"I got the school for 'em up there," Davis stated.

The owners of the land prior to the Grayville School District were farmers, according to Davis. Once the patriarch of the family passed away,



Jaylah Rowland, Jake Hosman, Maci McClusky, Ashtyn Rahmoeller, Gracie Alldredge (background), Holly Morris and Jalie Bradfield of Wells Elementary wish Henry Davis a happy birthday Friday afternoon. Photo by T.J. Hug.

his widow approached Davis about purchasing the property for \$20,000.

"I said, 'Lady, I ain't go \$20,000,'" he said. "But hang on to it."

Davis then reached out to Max Malone, President of the Grayville School Board at the time.

"Max was head of the school board," said Davis. "He said, 'Don't let that get away.'"

"I said, 'Come on.'"

The paperwork for the purchase was signed shortly thereafter.

Davis was also a founding member of the Grayville Moose Chapter. He was part of

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Grayville Mayor Travis Thompson presents Henry Davis with a key to the city on Friday. Photo by T.J. Hug.

## Edwards County 4-H and Young Leaders partner up for Illini Fighting Hunger



Jo Rector, advisor for the Bone Gap Cardinals 4-H Club in Edwards County, helps with meal-packing in Country Financial Hall Saturday morning. Photo by T.J. Hug.

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This past Saturday, the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Office partnered with the Young Leaders from the Edwards County Farm Bureau at COUNTRY Financial Hall for to sponsor the 4-H Illini Fighting Hunger Meal Packaging Event. Debra Collier of the University of Illinois Extension Office in Albion shared "we partner with the Farm Bureau for different events," which made this a sensible community partnership for the event.

According to the Illini Fighting Hunger page, these meal packaging events are a volunteer project in which meals and/or single-ingredient food items are prepared for distribution to people who struggle with food insecurity

throughout Illinois. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.

"In 2016, an estimated 1 in 8 Americans were food insecure, equating to 42 million Americans including 13 million children."

Mark Becker, the University of Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist was at the event and gave the instructions and spoke to all the volunteers throughout the packaging process. 2019 Edwards County Fair Queen Avery Roosevelt also volunteered her time to

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