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'Gator Briefs

Plan observance of prayer day

The Edwards County Ministerial Alliance will be conducting a National Day of Prayer meeting at the Veterans War Memorial on the square in Albion.

The prayer meeting will be on Thursday, May 3, and start at noon.

The Grayville First Christian Church will hold an observance on Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

Awards program May 10 at ECHS

The Edwards County High School awards program will take place on Thursday, May 10. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be in gym one.

Various scholarships and awards will be presented to members of the Class of 2012 at this time.

Grayville schools wrapping up year

Grayville Schools are quickly wrapping up the school year.

Junior High athletic awards are Friday night at 7 p.m. and Baccalaureate is Sunday night at 6 p.m. with the high school athletic program on Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Junior High graduation is May 10 at 7 p.m. in the GHS gym, and GHS graduation is Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m.

The school FFA chapter will have its banquet Monday, May 14, at 6 p.m. and the junior high Beta Club trip is May 15. Elementary and junior high awards are May 16, with Pre-kindergarten graduation that evening at 6 p.m.

The music department trip will be May 17.

Buy the Barrel

The posted price for locally produced crude oil was \$98.25 on Tuesday, an increase of \$1.50 from the previous posted price, according to Countrymark Cooperative.

The Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Southwest wind between 11 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South southwest wind between 9 and 11 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South southwest wind between 9 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southwest wind between 9 and 13 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southwest wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Saturday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Southwest wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Calm wind.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Light east southeast wind.

Monday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

Confederate Railroad to play G-Days encore



CENTERPIECE IN PLACE. The centerpiece of the new plaza at the Grayville Veterans Memorial at Oak Grove Cemetery was erected Tuesday morning, as workmen from Wilson & Wilson Monument and Adams Monument set a Battlefield Cross amid the engraved bricks. From left are Justin Burton, Cody McQueen, Bob Williams and one of the organizers of the Veterans Memorial Committee, Don Baldwin.

Jones' fracking bill approved by Senate

The Illinois Senate unanimously passed legislation to regulate the use of hydraulic fracturing—also called fracking—in oil production.

The bill, co-sponsored by State Sen. John O. Jones (R-Mt. Vernon) has gained the support of both industry and environmental groups.

Jones said he co-sponsored the bipartisan legislation after realizing he might be the General Assembly's only lawmaker with fracking experience. Jones started working in the region's oil industry when he was 15 years old back in the 1950s.

"I'm the only one in the 177 (representatives and senators) that's ever done a fracking job. I probably participated in 500-plus fracking jobs in Southern Illinois," Jones said.

The bill SB 3280 passed out of the Senate's Environment Committee unanimously last Thursday. Supporters include the Illinois Oil & Gas Association and the Illinois Petroleum Association on the industry side, the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Chamber of

Commerce representing land owners and local businesses as well as the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council on the environmental side.

Despite its support from state environmental organizations, the leader of the anti-fracking group S.A.F.E., retired farmer Chuck Paprocki of Carbondale, See **FRACKING**, page 6

Slam building, sisters unhurt

A pair of Albion sisters avoided injury Sunday night when the vehicle they were in slammed into the former Lovins Pharmacy.

Marilyn Wolfe and her sister, Nadine Wolfe, were leaving the McDonald's parking lot shortly after 5 p.m. when police report she engaged the accelerator instead of the brake.

The SUV she was driving jumped the curb and slammed into the wall of the vacant building. Albion Fire Department members were called to extricate the sisters from the vehicle. Despite the damage, both were unharmed, witnesses report.

Tuesday, a crew arrived to remove a rooftop air conditioner from the building.

Orry Kraw snubbed by committee

Confederate Railroad will be back for an encore performance at Grayville Days 2012.

A tentative schedule for the Labor Day weekend festival was released this week. The theme for the five-day event is "Relax...And Enjoy the Ride!"

The country music group played a free concert in the downtown area of E. North St. a couple of years ago.

Other headliners include "A Band Called River" on Friday night and the 50s and 60s show band "The Duke Boys" on Sunday night following the traditional fireworks.

One other tradition, however, was dumped by the Grayville Days Committee. Orry Kraw, a blues and rock band that held court on Sunday nights the past several years, was snubbed by the committee.

Following is the schedule:

Tuesday August 28, 2012

630-830 Little Miss and Mr Grayville

Wednesday August 29, 2012

430-730 Soup Sandwiches @ Methodist church

630-830 Jr Miss and Miss Grayville

Thursday August 30, 2012

7-9 GCAA Show

Fri August 31, 2012

5-7- Clay County Amusements

5-7GCAA Chicken Noodle Dinner @ First Christian Church

5-7First Christian Church Ice Cream Social

6-630 Kick off

645-845 Scott Mason and the Headliner Band



THIS YEAR'S MODEL. The official Grayville Days 2012 logo. Designed by Andi Campbell

9-11 A Band Called river 930 Button Drawing for \$150.00

Saturday Sept 1, 2012

6-9 Churchman's Breakfast @ First Christian Church

715-? Grayville Days 5K Run sponsored by WGH

9 Art and Craft Fair Downtown

9 Pet Parade Awana's @ Depot

930 Peddle Pull Awana's @ Depot

10-12 Kid's Time @ Depot Face Painting, Inflatable's 1-130 Senior Citizens' luncheon 2-7 Clay County Amusements (will close down during parade)

1 Hillside Washer Club Singles Tourney @ Park confirmed

1-245 Wabash Valley Abate Bike Show @ Tequila Sheila's

3-415 Parade

4-5 Cake Walk @ Parade Stage Senior Citizen's confirmed

445 Best Seat on the Street Giveaway Grayville Youth Council

515-715 The Springs Band

730-9 Confederate Railroad

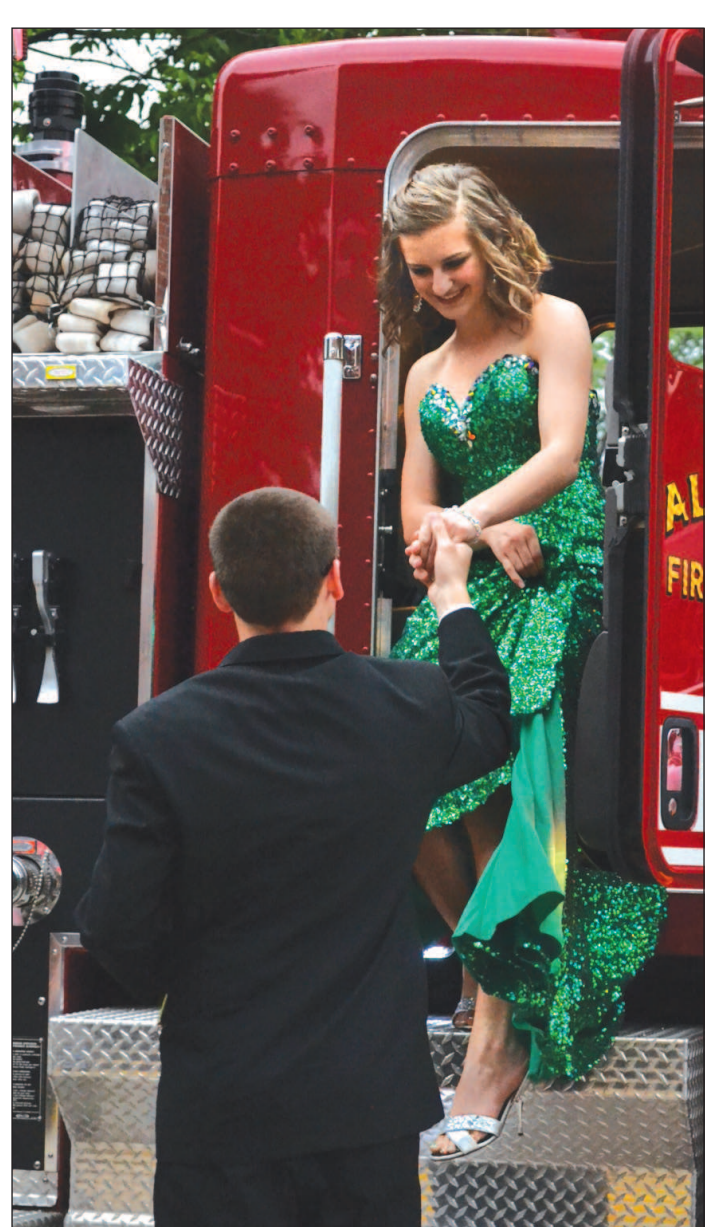
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LONG-TIME MEMBER. Richard Leigh of Samsville (right) accepts a 50-year membership plaque from Chester Fisher, commander of Albion-Browns American Legion Post 590.



MAY I HELP YOU DOWN? At left, Morgan Rigg is assisted from her prom ride, a horse drawn carriage, by ECHS grad Drake Kelsey Saturday at the Grand Entrance to the prom. Right,



Wyatt Mosson helps Veronika Gruber step out of a fire truck as they prepare to enter the Prom. More great photographs on page 8B.

