

APD "fairly close" to resolving car break-ins

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A series of small-scale break-ins into the vehicles of Albion residents may soon be coming to an end. The Albion Police Department stated that its investigation into a string of car break-ins, in which the thieves go through loose change and objects in unlocked vehicles within the city limits may be bearing fruit.

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Man to undergo fitness eval in MC murder case

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A Mount Carmel man standing accused of murdering his fiancé will undergo a fitness evaluation to see if he is mentally fit to stand trial. Ruben Corzine is charged with stabbing Jennifer Phelps to death at their place of residence located at the 900 block of Cherry Street within the city. A motion filed by public

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Friends of EC Historical Society sets first fundraiser

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The Albion Area Chamber of Commerce called attention to a fundraiser being put on by the Friends of the Edwards County Historical Society during the chamber's quarterly meeting Thursday afternoon. The Friends of the Edwards County Historical Society is a newly formed

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Grayville Chamber looking to bump member participation

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The Grayville Chamber of Commerce looked their membership roll Monday night with an eye to increase participation. Chamber president Colleen Whyte said, "We looked over who we had on our list of current businesses to send dues notices to and we'd like to encourage

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Buy the Barrel

The posted price for a barrel of Illinois Basin crude oil stood at \$45 as of Tuesday up \$1 from the last posted price, according to Countrymark Cooperative.



Grae O'Neal and Baylor Bell showing off their new skills learned at Bitty Bison Cheer Camp. Photo by Tricia Cunningham

EC School Board taps brakes on bonding plan

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At Monday night's the Edwards County Community Unit School District 1 Board of Education meeting at west Salem Grade School, the board again was not able to move forward on the "motion for consideration and action on a resolution providing for the issue of \$1.8 million General Obligation school Bonds, Series 2020, of Community Unit School District Number 1, Edwards, Wabash, Wayne and Richland Counties, Illinois for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of said school district, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof," as presented in the agenda.

According to an Ice Miller Legal Counsel publication about financing options using bonds for Illinois school districts, "bonds are a form of debt. In the public sector, "borrowers" or "issuers" of bonds are states, cities, villages, school districts and other local government entities that need money for a variety of reasons. Typically, a school district will want to issue a bond and pay principal and interest over time to spread out the burden of paying for new schools, improvements and other capital needs over the period of expected useful life of the financed assets, as opposed to increasing taxes or impacting its budget over a shorter term. Borrowing by a school district is highly restricted and must

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Lear, Webber make cases for Edwards County Board seat

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The race to fill the open seat on the Edwards County Board of Commissioners in the Nov. 3 election will come to a close early. With only two Republicans vying for the seat, it will be the Tuesday, March 17 Primary that settles the race between incumbent Duane Lear and challenger Jon Webber. Lear is wrapping up his first six-year term on the county board,

while Webber is calling for a change in the direction of the board. Each candidate has their own reasons for running for the open board spot. "I want to continue to effect positive changes within the county, and to be a voice for the community," said Lear of his reason for seeking reelection. "I have enjoyed listening to the public, appreciate their concerns and take pride in the accomplishments we have made over the past term." For Webber, a resident of West Salem, his hope in running for a seat on the county board is to represent the inter-

ests of the northern reaches of the county. "I believe there needs to be a better representation of the northern part of Edwards County and a voice to listen to the concerns of people in the southern part as well," he said. "I also believe that there needs to be a voice of reason with common sense leadership added to the county commission." In Webber's estimation, the largest issue facing Edwards County heading into the election cycle is whether or not a change will be made to the make up of the board itself. An outspoken critic of the some of

the board's actions in recent months, the West Salem man expressed that he felt a change of direction was needed in how it operates. "You cannot change bad past practices unless the right people take over," he said. "Just like President Trump says, it is time to drain the swamp in Edwards County and Illinois." He also noted that his intention to weigh the long-term ramifications of any decision he would make as a commis-

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Grayville Police Department seeking bodycams and cruiser cams

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At last Friday's Grayville Police Committee meeting, Chief of Police David Burrows reached out to retrieve four different quotes for the requisition of body cameras ("bodycams") and police cruiser cameras for the police department. Burrows presented information sheets on his favored company, ProVision, also used by the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, provided a 360 degree (coverage), five-camera configuration for each police cruiser with a clip-on body microphone, as well as one bodycam per police officer, making a total of three five-camera car configurations and three bodycams for just over \$16,200, including extensive vehicular installation and a 5-year warranty.

The bodycams would pri-

marily be used by the full-time officers, but part-time officers would have access to use if needed.

Burrows noted that an exter-

nal WiFi access portal on the Police Department building and larger harddrives would be necessary to complete the ensemble so that GPD could

download and preserve the

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Little Mister Grayville Larkin Niehaus, Jr. Miss Grayville Jalie Bradfield, Valentine King Ted McKinney, Valentine Queen Charlene O'Dell, Miss Grayville Payton Howard, and Little Miss Grayville Echo Raber celebrate the crowning of the Meadowood Valentine King and Queen. Photo by Tricia Cunningham.

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