

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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City Government	9/7/21	1:40 p.m.	1:08	City Council September prestory
City Government	9/8/21	8:40 a.m.	2:43	City Council September

RUN AS OF 7/7/21

AFTER 8PM

LK

The Taylorville City Council met on Tuesday evening. They honored Alivia Foraker as Youth of the Month. Alivia won 3 gold medals in the US Trampoline and Tumbling Association National Championship in Rochester, Minnesota. The board rescinded the ordinance and voted in favor of allowing designated drive-up facilities for the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages in their original unopened containers, but it didn't come without discussion. Aldermen Larry Budd and Kathy Driskell spoke out against bringing this back up, after it had already been voted "no" the previous board meeting.

BUDD1

KEY:

LENGT: 57

Aldermen Steve Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Budd voted no, with Aldermen Jim Olive, Jeremy Wilson, Doug Brown, and Megan Bryant voting Yes. (Aldermen Chris Skultetty was absent). The board tabled a motion to amend the city code to place a four-way stop sign at 1100 North 1500 East Road until they could show that it was actually in the city of Taylorville's jurisdiction. The board also approved the conveyance of 828 West Vandever Street to the Taylorville School District for the building trades class.

BARRY1

KEY:

LENGT: 53

Mayor Bruce Barry also thanked everyone for their tremendous work towards the parade and the luncheon for the Fourth of July festivities and gave some updates.

BARRY2

KEY:

LENGT: 58

The board also denied a motion to recommend to the raising of salary for Street and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mann by 5% with a vote of 4-3. The board discussed it at great length with Alderman Budd saying it wasn't fair to previous superintendents, and Alderman Dorchinecz explaining there was already a system in progress for raises.

DORCHINECZ1

KEY:

LENGT: 42

Alderman Olive voted no, Alderman Wilson voted yes, Alderman Brown voted yes, Alderman Budd voted no, Alderman Dorchinecz voted no and Alderman Driskell voted yes. With the vote tied 3-3, it was up to Alderman Megan Bryant who ultimately voted no on it. To watch the complete meeting, visit this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com.

RUN AS OF 8/3/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

A contentious city council meeting in Taylorville saw a little bit of a standoff between some Aldermen and Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry on Monday evening. The issue at hand was trees on Pawnee Street that needed to be removed. Aldermen Kathy Driskell asked Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry why they were voting on something after trees had already been removed. Mayor Barry said that it was about safety. The wish from Mayor Barry was to take funds from Ward 5 which is the emergency fund money as opposed to Ward 1 funds to remove the trees and to fix the sidewalk.

BARRY1

KEY:

LENGT: 33

Alderman Chris Skultetty backed up Alderman Kathy Driskell saying that its not an emergency.

SKULTETTY1

KEY:

LENGT: 53

Alderman Skultetty says this isn't the first time things have been done without Council approval.

SKULTETTY2

KEY:

LENGT: 60

The vote was 5-4 with Aldermen Megan Bryant, Steve Dorchinecz, Kathy Driskell, and Chris Skultetty voting no and Aldermen Larry Budd, Jim Olive, Jeremy Wilson, and Doug Brown voting yes. This prompted Alderman Megan Bryant to exclaim, "Why even be on this council." With the tie, Mayor Barry voted yes and the matter was closed. The sidewalk repairs from Pleasant Street to Esther Street were also voted yes 5-4 with Mayor Barry voting the tie breaking vote.

BARRY2

KEY:

LENGT: 24

The council honored the Taylorville Honor Guard made up of American Legion and VFW members and gave the oath of office to new Taylorville Police Officer Josh Niles. The next City Council meeting is set for August 16th.

RUN AS OF 8/25/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Taylorville Park Board met on Tuesday evening to discuss business, go over reports, and hear from guests. The board heard from Pam Moses and Angie Goodall Younker who made a sizeable donation for a new frisbee golf course to be built. David Pistorious with Midstate bank spoke to the board about bonds. The board approved doing a new bond ordinance with Midstate to handle the work.

The board also heard from Lindsay Barry with the Quarter Midget Association and Aaron Durham who was with Men's softball. Quite a few softballs had made their way over to the track and damaged some vehicles and Barry wanted something to be done. The two sides agreed about fencing and the board approved putting up taller netting to protect the cars and people from getting hit by softballs.

The board approved a bench in memorial for Mike Demichael who recently passed away. The board also agreed to adopt an ordinance to levy necessary taxes for the next fiscal year. Recreational Director spoke on behalf of Maintenance Superintendent Gary Brown who was absent and says that the storm caused quite a bit of damage.

HANCOCK1

KEY:

LENGT: 60

Hancock says that they had to shut down the park due to the amount of damage that had happened from the storm.

HANCOCK2

KEY:

LENGT: 61

Hancock says day camp was very successful.

HANCOCK3

KEY:

LENGT: 55

The next Park Board meeting is set for September 27th.

RUN AS OF 9/7/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

Taylorville City Council will meet this evening at the Municipal building to discuss business, new ordinances, and regulations. The board will hold a public meeting concerning a Safe Routes to School Grant, issue a “Dog Days” proclamation, and review previous minutes. The board will also approve ordinances concerning the business development district.

Continuing the board will review motions concerning some special events permits, hiring two new police officers for academy, along with a new firefighter, and look at approving the appointment of David Brummer to the BDD committee. Other motions include approving payment for the removal of trees on Pawnee Street, rescinding a previous motion for sidewalk repairs from Pleasant Street to Ester Street with ward 5 funds and instead using ward 1 funds, and a motion to require Ward 5 funds to be used for emergency use only with a 6-2 minimum vote.

The board will review committee reports including ordinance for the city code, a no parking sign on the 1600 block of West Park Avenue, and other city code ordinances. Under finance, the board will provide a contribution to Chillifest and approve the treasurer’s report. Under street and sewer, the board will look at bidding out the West Franklin Street project. Under public facilities, the board will look at approving a bid from Tullis Excavating concerning a parking lot for the Police Department.

The board will have a closed session and hear from Mayor Bruce Barry along with City Attorney Rocci Romano. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News at the conclusion of the meeting for updates.

RUN AS OF 9/8/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

The city of Taylorville is facing quite a few lawsuits. Taylorville City Attorney Rocci Romano informed the media and the board that Jamal Shehadeh has as of Tuesday filed 5 lawsuits against the city of Taylorville.

ROMANO1 KEY: LENGT: 60

Romano says that Shehadeh has filed lawsuits against several other litigants as well.

ROMANO2 KEY: LENGT: 58

The board met in closed session to review those lawsuits along with a complaint from former Treasurer, Jacque Nation against Taylorville and against Mayor Bruce Barry.

Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry held a moment of silence for a longtime resident of Taylorville who passed away. Barry also praised the hard work that went into cleaning up the city after recent storms went through.

BARRY1 KEY: LENGT: 56

All motions pushed through tonight were approved including a \$8,000 contribution to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce for Chillifest. There was some concern over a motion to bid out West Franklin Street project for \$86,000. The questions were, who was going to pay for it. Aldermen Jeremy Wilson addressed concerns from Aldermen Larry Budd.

Wilson1 KEY: LENGT:

The motion passed. The next city council meeting is set for September 20th.

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County Government	9/6/21	7:40 a.m.	1:32	EMA Preparedness
County Government	9/8/21	1:40 p.m.	:58	Pedestrian Laws
County Government	9/15/21	8:40 a.m.	1:41	Energy Bill

RUN AS OF 7/21/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County Board met on Tuesday evening to discuss old and new business and review policies and ordinances. Board Member Craig Corzine sat on as Chairman and announced that Matt Wells was out for a medical reason but was OK. Corzine ran the meeting.

There was a new state statute that authorized pay raises to both the State's Attorney and Public Defender. That motion was approved. The raise was 2½% increase for the State's Attorney which would increase the salary to \$183,434. The public defender has to be within 9% of the State's Attorney raising their salary to \$165,090. The motion passed without any issues.

The board also announced their would be some bids for removal and landscape for the Court House lawn. The board also discussed residency requirements for the Health Department. Craig Corzine gave an update.

CORZINE1

KEY:

LENGT: 45

The board also approved appointments for Dr. Trost, Dr. Rick Del Valle, Lindsey Fox, Kathy Fergin, and Dr. Stacey Funderburke for 2 year terms. The board is next set to meet for their regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 17th.

RUN AS OF 8/18/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County Board met on Tuesday evening for their regular monthly board meeting. After approval of minutes and opening, the board discussed Blue Cross and Blue Shield which is the health care provider for the workers of the county. BCBS is disagreeing with Springfield Clinic and if the two don't meet an agreement, it will hurt the County. The board approved looking at quotes of different insurance companies in case there is not an agreement met.

Board president Matt Wells announced Matt Adermann had been appointed to the 911 Christian County Shelby County Board.

WELLS1

KEY:

LENGT: 45

Dale Livingston announced that the Christian County Courthouse Fountain will be returning within the next couple months. There was also an approval for Dinner Seasoned with Love to take place in October on the Court House lawn.

LIVINGSTON1

KEY:

LENGT: 53

A study was done on Beachwood Drive in May Township. Livingston says that there was no action taken.

LIVINGSTON2

KEY:

LENGT: 47

The board also met for closed session to discuss ongoing opioid litigation from a potential settlement. The next County Board meeting is set for Tuesday, September 21st.

RUN AS OF 9/6/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the deadliest terror attack on US soil with the attacks of 9/11. The month of September is National Preparedness Month and Illinoisans are encouraged during this time to promote family emergency planning. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency managers are encouraging Illinoisans to take time to prepare for disasters at homes, at work, and in the community. IEMA spokesperson Rebecca Clark says that you should gather emergency supplies ahead of time.

CLARK1

KEY:

LENGT: 19

Some things to consider for your plan is to not only make a plan for when a disaster strikes, but you should also build a kit containing basic survival items necessary during an emergency. You can also prepare for disasters by getting the whole family involved.

CLARK2

KEY:

LENGT: 18

Clark says you should review your insurance policies to determine what would be covered in the event of a flood or storm and practice tornado and fire drills.

IEMA offers disaster preparedness information on the Ready Illinois website at www.ready.illinois.gov.

RUN AS OF 9/8/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

For many pedestrians crossing the road can be a dangerous thing to do. State Senator Laura Murphy sponsored a new law that will require the Illinois Department of Transportation to look at trouble areas that have caused pedestrian accidents in the past. Senator Murphy says that IDOT can work proactively to pinpoint areas of concern and make immediate areas of improvement that can help save lives.

MURPHY1

KEY:

LENGT: 7

Legislation would require IDOT conduct a traffic study after any fatal pedestrian accident at the intersection of a state highway. The study would include potential methods to improve safety whether it would be design improvements or traffic control devices.

MURPHY2

KEY:

LENGT: 12

Murphy, who is from Des Plaines, Illinois says that she was inspired to sponsor the legislation after three fatal accidents in two years in her city.

The bill was signed into law on Friday and takes effect on January 1st, 2022.

RUN AS OF 9/15/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

Governor JB Pritzker has signed a new energy bill that will put Illinois on a path to clean energy by 2050. Illinois is the first state in the Midwest to enact legislation to combat the climate crisis and what legislators hope will build an economy for the future. The Governor signed the bill at Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and says that the new law will be a significant step towards affordable energy.

PRITZKER1

KEY:

LENGT: 16

The new law will have Illinois moving towards 100% clean energy by 2050, ensure that all wind and solar projects are built with project labor agreements and require all private coal and oil electric generating units to reach zero emissions by 2030. The new law will authorize the Governor to create a commission on market-based carbon pricing solutions, along with creating a nonprofit electric generation task force. Senator Make Hastings says with climate change, this law is important to enact it now.

HASTINGS1

KEY:

LENGT: 12

To see a full list of all the changes that the new energy law is putting into place, visit this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com.

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Economic Development	7/19/21	10:40 a.m.	1:58	County Fair
Economic Development	7/20/21	6:40 a.m.	1:45	County Fair judging
Economic Development	8/6/21	1:40 p.m.	2:47	New vinyl store
Economic Development	8/18/21	8:40 a.m.	2:41	New business

RUN AS OF 7/2/21

AFTER 6AM

TH

Over the course of the COVID-19 shutdown there was some ambiguity as to which businesses could remain open According to Alex Wright of Wright's Furniture, they felt they were in a gray area in terms of being essential. Ultimately they decided to shut down for safety reasons. That was, until they realized they may be essential.

WRIGHT1

KEY:

LENGT: 50

When customers started reaching out it became clear that White's Furniture needed to explore the possibility of reopening. So they cautiously started selling again.

WRIGHT2

KEY:

LENGT: 56

Just like many businesses, Wright's saw an increase in their digital footprint. Wright encourages people to interact with them on their social media.

WRIGHT3

KEY:

LENGT: 41

Wright continues saying having good people involved with the company is important for getting through things like a pandemic, and just for success in general.

WRIGHT4

KEY:

LENGT: 54

Wright appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 7/19/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

The 97th Christian County Fair will be taking place July 20th through the 24th and Event Coordinators Ron Fleming and Angela Ohl Marsters say there is something for everyone at the fair. Fleming says that you should check the schedule online at www.christiancountyfair.com. Of course one big point is that parking and entry to the fair are free.

FLEMING1

KEY:

LENGT: 56

While this year has been a little different as far as planning goes, but planning does happen all year long from the Fair Board and a lot of work goes into it to have it run as smoothly as possible.

FLEMING2

KEY:

LENGT: 17

Ohl-Marsters says her favorite thing is for all of the events that take place at the Expo Building.

OHLMARSTERS1

KEY:

LENGT: 32

Fleming says his favorite thing is all of the motor races.

FLEMING3

KEY:

LENGT: 35

Fleming and Ohl-Marsters appeared as guests on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 7/20/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

It takes all kinds of people to run a county fair. The participants to build the projects and compete, the parents who help kids and make sure they guide them the right way, and the judges who have the tough job of picking out the winners. For Erin Kistner, this is her first time on the other side of the table as she judges for the first time this year, a task she is excited for.

KISTNER1

KEY:

LENGT: 20

Kistner says that excitement plays a big part in the projects that she believes will do well.

KISTNER2

KEY:

LENGT: 23

Kistner says she has been heavily involved in 4H often bringing many different projects in.

KISTNER3

KEY:

LENGT: 32

Kistner says it will be different being on the other side of the table and talked about some of her goals in the future.

KISTNER4

KEY:

LENGT: 42

Erin Kistner appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show live from the Christian County Fair.

RUN AS OF 8/6/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

A new book and vinyl store has opened in Taylorville and it is the talk of the town. Doug Cowell and Joey Cavatorta opened the store and have 1,800 vinyls and 1,6000 books. Sydney Lynn's Little Book Shop is at 109 W. Main Cross and The bookstore is located on the Taylorville Square right by the Lock-up gym. Cavatorta says that the store opened due to having trouble finding a job.

CAVATORTA1

KEY:

LENGT: 57

Doug Cowell says that it's a growing business with youth discovering vinyl.

COWELL1

KEY:

LENGT: 52

Cavatorta hopes that this becomes a place for people from Central Illinois to come to find vinyl.

COWELL2

KEY:

LENGT: 60

He says that books were his escape.

CAVATORTA2

KEY:

LENGT: 58

Cowell and Cavatorta appeared as guests on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 8/18/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

A lot of people dream of owning their own business, but not too many people can say they owned a business by the time they turned 21. Jessica Oyler has achieved that goal. Oyler owns Down To Earth Sustainability. A company that specializes in reusing products to help the Earth and the environment. Oyler says that she started off selling plants at the Farmers Market in TVL and knew that at some point she was going to own a store.

OYLER1

KEY:

LENGT: 61

Oyler says Down To Earth Sustainability is a store that promotes environmental friendly products that can last a long time.

OYLER2

KEY:

LENGT: 48

Oyler is very proud of her refill station which allows you to reuse your products so you don't have to throw them away.

OYLER3

KEY:

LENGT: 55

Not only does Oyler have toothpaste and other toiletry products, but plenty of other items as well.

OYLER4

KEY:

LENGT: 57

Jessica Oyler's business is located at 105 East Main Cross Street and is open Thursday through Sunday. For more information visit the store's Facebook page. Oyler appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

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Education	7/9/21	11:40 a.m.	:59	Illinois trapper rules
Education	7/14/21	7:40 a.m.	2:41	Ameren crews
Education	7/23/21	1:40 p.m.	2:39	Social security education
Education	8/24/21	8:40 a.m.	2:27	Benefits of cheese

RUN AS OF 7/1/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

Summer is here and with Summer comes hot temperatures especially in vehicles. Child safety experts want to remind parents that leaving a child in a hot car even if just for a few moments can turn deadly. Ginger Streitmatter is a Child Passenger Safety Technician. She warns that outdoor temperatures can make shut off cars turn into ovens very quickly.

STREITMATTER1

KEY:

LENGT: 16

Temperatures can be as low as 57 degrees according to Streitmatter and still create dangerous environments for children inside a car. Heat stroke which happens when the body isn't able to cool itself quickly enough is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle related deaths in children under 15 and more studies have been done like this from the injury prevention advocacy group, Safe Kids Worldwide.

When left in a hot car, a child's major organs begin to shut down when their internal temperature reaches 104 degrees. Streitmatter says a child's body heats up faster than an adult's and a child can die when their temperature reaches 107 degrees. She continues by stressing that cracking a window isn't a quick fix.

STREITMATTER2

KEY:

LENGT: 8

She even put her car to the test by holding a surface thermometer, she was able to check the car seat that had been sitting in a vehicle during a sunny morning.

STREITMATTER3

KEY:

LENGT: 26

She encourages that if you see a child who has been left inside a hot car, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. For more information, visit this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com.

RUN AS OF 7/9/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

If you are a new Illinois hunter or trapper, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is encouraging you to apply early during application periods for a number of permits for the 2021-2022 hunting seasons. With the transition to a new Illinois licensing, permitting, and harvest reporting system, first-time hunters and trappers are currently unable to enter required IDNR customer numbers until the day after they purchase those licenses.

To avoid missing those deadlines, first time buyers are encouraged not to wait until the last day to purchase licenses and apply for permits. IDNR Spokesperson Rachel Torbert says that you have to have your license for a day before you can apply for a permit.

TORBERT1

KEY:

LENGT: 12

Applying well in advance can get you your permit in enough time.

TORBERT2

KEY:

LENGT: 11

Some of the things that first-time license buyers can apply for are site-specific dove, free upland game, public duck and goose hunting permits, and the bobcat lottery applications for bobcat hunting and trapping. For more information visit the IDNR website.

RUN AS OF 7/14/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

While crews battle power outages from lightning and other natural disasters, one man made issue that has been effecting power outages are mylar balloons. Communications Executive Brian Bretsch says so far this year they have dealt with 19 power outages that have been a direct result from balloons causing those issues.

BRETSCH1

KEY:

LENGT: 56

Bretsch says that they can get into substations and the metallic coating conducts power causes arcs.

BRETSCH2

KEY:

LENGT: 55

Ameren isn't saying not to have parties and use balloons, Bretsch just asks that you dispose of them properly.

BRETSCH3

KEY:

LENGT: 52

Bretsch also wanted to give a few other tips when it comes to balloons and safety.

BRETSCH4

KEY:

LENGT: 46

Again, contact Ameren Illinois at 1-800-755-5000 if you have any issues.

Run as of 7/23/21

AFTER 6AM

TH

Getting benefits through employers is a perk of jobs that offer it. When it comes to social security it is deducted from your paycheck so the employee doesn't worry about it. However, Jack Myers with the Social Security Administration says the employer has extra responsibilities. That means those who are self-employed have double the duties in this regard.

MYERS1

KEY:

:48

Myers does say there are a few subtle differences for those who are self-employed, especially if they are running a business with their significant other.

MYERS2

KEY:

:55

There is lots of reading that can be done about this topic on the Social Security Administration's website.

MYERS3

KEY:

:20

That is not the only topic on the website. Myers says there are many that can be found. And if you want a hard copy, just contact the SSA.

MYERS4

KEY:

:59

Myers appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 8/24/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

There are some classes being conducted by the University of Illinois Extension Office on Nutrition and Wellness. Lisa Peterson, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, says one of the classes that will be taught will be on the benefits of cheese and about some of the benefits of eating cheese.

PETERSON1

KEY:

LENGT: 55

Peterson says there are many different kinds of cheese and she hopes to cover some of the basic ones.

PETERSON2

KEY:

LENGT: 63

Protein is also an important muscle builder for your body that is provided by cheese.

PETERSON3

KEY:

LENGT: 33

Peterson also highlighted how you can register for the class.

PETERSON4

KEY:

LENGT: 25

You can also visit the U Of I extension office to see what other great classes they have going on. Lisa Peterson appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

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Healthcare	7/27/21	10:40 a.m.	:60	Uptick in positivity in covid
Healthcare	8/3/21	7:40 a.m.	1:14	Riding a bike
Healthcare	8/23/21	11:40 a.m.	1:03	allergies

RUN AS OF 7/8/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

Sarah Bush Lincoln has put in a proposal to purchase Fayette County Hospital. Sarah Bush Lincoln presented the Fayette County District Hospital Board with a proposal to own the land, hospital, and long term care. Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance Dennis Pluard says they have operated the Fayette County Hospital and Long Term Care for two years already and are looking for something more permanent.

PLUARD1 KEY: LENGT: 46

Pluard says this is a great way to put money back into Fayette County that wasn't there before.

PLUARD2 KEY: LENGT: 50

Pluard also says there will be some building improvements among other things for employees.

PLUARD3 KEY: LENGT: 57

This was presented in May but it is unsure if or when this proposal will be approved. The next step on this is an appraisal but it has been getting a lot of support.

PLUARD4 KEY: LENGT: 43

This purchase would eliminate \$550,000 in district taxes, and allow Sarah Bush Lincoln to invest in Fayette County Hospital beyond the resources that are currently available. As Dennis Pluard says, it's a win/win for everyone involved.

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AFTER 6AM

TH

The emphasis continues to be on community outreach for Taylorville Memorial Hospital as they work to help with health in the local area. Kim Bourne, President and CEO of TMH says that is what they and the Taylorville Memorial Hospital Foundation are aiming to do with their Community Health Grant Program.

BOURNE1

KEY:

:28

Non-Profits, education, or government organizations with health activities are eligible for the program. The best part is, Bourne says there is no specific time table, so this can be filled out by local organizations at any time.

BOURNE2

KEY:

:61

Bourne says they know being a member of the community is the best way to improve it. That is why they are making a concerted effort to do their part.

BOURNE3

KEY:

:53

For more information on the program, Bourne says to contact Raedena Ryan, the Director of the TMH Foundation.

BOURNE4

KEY:

:33

Bourne appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 7/27/21

AFTER 9AM

LK

The Christian County Health Department has noticed a slight uptick in the positivity rate in Christian County, but at this point are not looking to cancel any functions, tighten restrictions for schools, or make a mask mandate necessary again.

Marcie May, with the CCHD, spoke to Regional Radio News and said that the positivity rate has gone up, but not in senior citizens, as they are the most vaccinated group in the county. She said the positivity rate has increased in the younger population more. No events have been canceled from the health department, they are asking you to take precautions. Wear a mask if you aren't vaccinated or if you feel unsafe, and practice social distancing as best you can when in larger groups.

As of Monday, there were 18 new cases of COVID-19 with 6 currently in the hospital. There have been nearly 23,000 vaccines administered and the positivity rate for Christian County is sitting at 6.2%. The health department would like it to be at under 5%.

RUN AS OF 8/3/21

AFTER 6AM

LK

There are many great reasons to ride a bike. Riding a bike helps you stay fit, helps strengthen your muscles and bones, prevents disease, and supports mental health by decreasing stress. Riding a bike can also pose some risks as can all physical activity, so it's important to stay safe when riding.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 1089 bicyclists died in 2019. More than 700 of those were involved in motor vehicle crashes. Dr. Bill Walsh, Chief Medical Officer for OSF Healthcare in Evergreen Park says head injuries are the most serious injury you can get riding bike so you should always wear a helmet. .

WALSH1

KEY:

LENGT: 22

Dr. Walsh also warns that fractures can be a real possibility as well.

WALSH2

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LENGT: 13

Dr. Walsh says taking the right safety precautions can make all the difference in the world.

WALSH3

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LENGT: 28

Other safety precautions such as wearing a helmet, riding your bike on the right side of the road, and paying close attention to traffic signs and signals will also help you have a successful ride.

WALSH4

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LENGT: 22

If you or a loved one are involved in a bike riding incident that needs medical care make sure you call 9-1-1 or head to the closest emergency room.

RUN AS OF 8/23/21

AFTER 6AM

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A new state law that has been signed by Governor JB Pritzker will protect children with severe allergies. The measure requires the Illinois State Board of Education and public health officials to come up with a comprehensive guideline for preventing and handling an allergic reaction in school children. This will also apply to daycares. Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Deputy Director Bill McCaffrey says that parents deserve to know that their children are taken care of.

MCCAFFREY1

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LENGT: 18

This law will require that staff is trained and there are proper procedures for identifying kids with food allergies, and emergency protocols. Staff needs to know how to properly respond.

MCCAFFREY2

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LENGT: 18

The law takes effect next summer. It's based on a similar law that was passed in New York in 2019.