

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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County Govt	10/18/23	9:22 AM	:41	Drug Sentencing
County Govt	11/7/23	4:22 PM	:29	Government Issues
County Govt	11/10/23	11:22 AM	:33	Farm Bill expiration
County Govt	12/19/23	3:22 PM	:38	County Board December prestory
County Govt	12/23/23	7:22 AM	:43	Minimum wage increase

RUN AS OF 10/18/23

AFTER 6AM

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A Cuba, Missouri man was sentenced on October 13, 2023 to ten years in federal prison consisting of 5 years imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and five years imprisonment for possessing a firearm during and in furtherance of a drug crime. 65 year old Raymond Toth was sentenced by United States District Judge Colleen R. Lawless, who ordered that Toth also serve four years of supervised release after completing his prison sentence. This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Springfield Resident Office; the Illinois State Police; the Christian County, Illinois, Sheriff's Office; the Taylorville, Illinois, Police Department; and the Pana, Illinois, Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Z. Weir represented the government in the prosecution.

RUN AS OF 11/7/23

AFTER 6AM

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State Representative Brad Halbrook is encouraging local families to join him for an upcoming Veto Session Update/Town Hall event in Taylorville. Rep. Halbrook (R-Shelbyville) will provide an update on the Democrats' gun ban, the sanctuary state crisis, nuclear energy, the Co2 pipeline, and more. The event will also be an opportunity for Christian County residents to discuss their concerns and suggestions with Representative Halbrook. The event will take place November 13th from 7-8:30 PM at the Taylorville City Hall located at 115 North Main Street.

RUN AS OF 11/10/23

AFTER 6AM

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The current Farm bill is expired but negotiations are expected soon to pass new legislation into this bill. State Representative Wayne Rosenthal (R-Morrisonville) knows the importance of this bill and the impact it has across Illinois and the country. The Farm bill is put together by titles and these titles create a package that keeps agriculture strong. It is the foundation of food and farm systems. Representative Rosenthal spoke on Thursday during the Veto Session.

RUN AS OF 12/19/23

AFTER 6AM

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Christian County Board set to meet for the last time in 2023. The board will hear from Mr. Matt Hart, with the CCEDC, go over ZBA amendments, and hear from the public. Under highway, building, and grounds, the board will discuss some updates to the courthouse and an EPA Grant Program, along with a Nuisance Ordinance. Under executive/personnel, the board will get an EMA update, a resolution for the Appellate Prosecutor for the States Attorney, discuss paid leave for all workers, review board office staff, and discuss text amendment proposals Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for a complete update following the meeting.

RUN AS OF 12/23/23

AFTER 6AM

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The minimum wage is increasing in Illinois on January 1st in 2024. Workers will see an increase of \$1/hr from \$13 to \$14. The minimum wage for tipped workers will jump to \$8.40/hr and youth workers working fewer than 650 hours per calendar year will see their hourly wage increase to \$12/hr. Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton echoed Governor Pritzker's statement saying that Illinois is continuing to strengthen its workforce and sustain it by increasing minimum wage. This is the sixth increase in the state's minimum wage since 2019 when Governor JB Pritzker signed legislation establishing a schedule of increases culminating in \$15/hr by 2025.

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City Govt	10/17/23	4:22 PM	:38	Ameren Update
City Govt	11/6/23	11:22 AM	:41	City Council Nov1 prestory
City Govt	11/30/23	3:22 PM	:37	Ameren informational meeting
City Govt	12/15/23	7:22 AM	:35	Dec 2 City Council

RUN AS OF 10/3/23

AFTER 6AM

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The Taylorville City Council met on Monday evening to discuss business, review ordinance, and hear from the public at their bimonthly board meeting. The Taylorville Junior High Baseball was honored for being Regional Champions. The team went 13-3. The meeting itself was very cut and dry with a minimal discussion on a motion to recommend to the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to limit the number of video gaming liquor licenses to the current number of 40, with additional video gaming liquor licenses to be added only upon council approval. The next city council meeting is set for October 16th.

RUN AS OF 10/17/23

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After discussion and stoppage of the Ameren Remediation Project taking place at Manners Park in Taylorville, the area will undergo third-party testing to understand if there are any reasons to believe there are unsafe conditions. Behind the stoppage of work was the Mayor of Taylorville, Bruce Barry. Since the work has ceased a special park board meeting took place where a unanimous vote approved the hiring of an individual to test the site's air. Mayor Barry says he is taking the issue seriously as he and the town understand how important being thorough in this investigation will be. Mayor Bruce Barry appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 11/6/23

AFTER 6AM

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Taylorville City Council set to meet this evening at 7 PM for what looks to be a fairly busy meeting at the Municipal Building in Taylorville. A motion to raise the cost for a cigarette and tobacco dealer's license from \$100 per year, to \$3,000 per year is also on the table. Along with the discussion for tobacco, the council will discuss amending the city code to add penalties for first time offense of sale to minors for \$750, second offense to be 90 day suspension of license, and third penalty to lose license for remainder of license year. There is also a motion to change signage for cigarette, tobacco, and vape shops to have similar signage to video gaming parlors. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News to find out more following the conclusion of the event.

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AFTER 6AM

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There will be an informational meeting for an update on the status of the Ameren Taylorville MGP Site at 917 South Webster Street in Taylorville. The meeting will take place at the Taylorville Junior High School this evening at 6 PM at 120 East Bidwell Street. If you haven't already done so, you need to contact Sarah Brubaker, Office of Community Relations Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, to reserve an opportunity to speak. You can reach her at 217-786-0790 or at sarah.brubaker@illinois.gov. The Illinois EPA along with Ameren are both expected to be at the meeting to address community questions and concerns. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News following the meeting for a recap of the event if you are unable to attend.

RUN AS OF 12/19/23

AFTER 6AM

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Taylorville City Council met for their last regular city council meeting in 2023. The city approved the annual tax levy. The council also approved the 2023 maintenance bill under the Illinois Highway Code along with the 204 MFT estimate of maintenance cost and engineering. The council tabled a motion to bid for the position of deputy treasurer. A motion concerning appointment of Kaylee Jones as a FOIA officer carried 8-0. Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry praised the displays at Manners Park for Christmas in the Park and gave an update on the Ameren issue that is outside of the park. The next council meeting is set for January 2nd, 2024.

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Economic Development	10/11/23	9:22 AM	:41	Chillifest success
Economic Development	10/21/23	4:22 PM	:38	Festival of Lights
Economic Development	11/7/23	11:22 AM	:29	Revolutionary War Vet ceremony
Economic Development	11/13/23	3:22 PM	:35	Veterans Day Ceremony
Economic Development	12/21/23	7:22 AM	:37	School work hours ag

RUN AS OF 10/11/23

TZ

As the dust settles from a successful Chillifest weekend there are many great pieces to remember. Mike Assalley President of the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce was out on the square meeting with community members and of course, dishing out the chili. Regional Radio News was reporting live from the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce Chillifest and spoke with many prominent community members who were an important piece in making the big day one to remember. Stay tuned to taylorvilledailynews.com for more Chillifest interview content.

One of Shelbyville's largest holiday features will be making its way soon to Forest Park in Shelbyville. The Festival of Lights will be available to view from November 17th to December 31st, 2023. The lights will be on display from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Bill Bly, Director of Operations for the Festival of Lights has been involved for 20 years, Bly explained his role and how the festival got its start. Past Festival of Light events have included different modes of transportation through the display to get all members of the community involved. Bly says he would enjoy seeing the senior citizen communities travel through on their buses.

RUN AS OF 11/7/23

AFTER 6AM

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There will be a ceremony on Friday morning at 8 AM at Donner Cemetery for a Christian County Revolutionary War Soldier. Private Jonathan Hicklin was born in Virginia in 1756. He fought in Kentucky where he was well acquainted with Daniel Boone and moved to Indiana in 1813. Later in life he moved to Christian County where he died on February 14th, 1858. He is buried at Donner Cemetery, just west of Owaneco. The cemetery is located at N 1500 East Road (County Road 8) Owaneco, Illinois 62555.

RUN AS OF 11/13/23

AFTER 6AM

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A beautiful Saturday afternoon led to a great Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Lake Taylorville Veteran's Memorial. Jeff and Phyllis Wilson from the Salvage Dawgs were honored. Small Town Taylorville's Steve Craggs MC'ed the Ceremony and spoke about the hard work that the Salvage Dawgs have taken on. Bruce Barry, Taylorville Mayor, recognized the hard work that veteran's do for the city of Taylorville including help after the tornado, and other needs throughout the community. The ceremony wrapped up with the 21 gun salute and the playing of Taps, by trumpeter and veteran Leroy Kleimola. To see the full video of the ceremony, visit Small Town Taylorville's Facebook page.

RUN AS OF 12/21/23

AFTER 6AM

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FFA and 4-H students will receive school work hours when participating in a work based learning experience outside of the classroom starting January 1st, thanks to a new law spearheaded by State Senator Doris Turner. Senator Turner says she's been a strong advocate for ag education and wants to ensure students aren't being jeopardized for attending FFA and 4-H program events. She stressed that programs provide essential hands-on experience in the ag industry, which is prominent in Illinois. House Bill 3814 takes effect January 1st, 2024.

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Education	10/6/23	9:22 AM	:41	CEO Students
Education	10/10/23	4:22 PM	:39	Board of Ed Oct prestory
Education	10/17/23	11:22 AM	:43	Ag in the classroom
Education	11/11/23	3:22 PM	:37	Scholarship program ending
Education	11/30/23	7:22 AM	:28	New Educator

RUN AS OF 10/6/23

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The Christian County CEO students were back in the Miller Media Group Radio Stations, speaking on their efforts preparing for Chillifest and their next possible business ventures. The 21 students have prepared since the start of the school year for their first small business centered around providing caramel apple boats topped with sweet treats at Chillifest. The students find the CEO program so valuable because they are treated as business professionals. Their daily morning meeting often includes discussion and deliberation on proper business moves, creating real-life scenarios for the students to navigate. With their first test coming this weekend to the Taylorville square, selling their products at Chillifest. The 21 Christian County CEO students are prepared and educated on what it takes to coordinate efficiently.]

RUN AS OF 10/10/23

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The Taylorville School Board of Education is set to hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the district office located at 1120 North Sportsman Drive in Taylorville. The meeting will begin with a call to order, public comments, approval of minutes from previous meetings, and the treasurer's report. A recommendation will come from the building committee and discussion board to move forward with seeking out bids for the construction of the gymnasium from options A or B, with updated information from the architects as phase one of the building project. Stay tuned to Regional Radio news for updates on the story following the meeting.

The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAiTC) program, are dedicated to teaching kids about agriculture and have received a financial boost through the Illinois Agriculture Foundation grants. 80 county coalitions serving 89 Illinois counties were awarded \$647,000 in grants for materials, training, and educational activities during the 2023-2024 school year, in those counties was Christian County. The grants aim to support teachers in integrating agriculture into their classrooms. For contributions to the IAiTC program, visit www.iaafoundation.org. To learn more about the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program, visit www.agintheclassroom.org. The IA/TC program's growth is pivotal for promoting agricultural education among Illinois youth.

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AFTER 6AM

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Scholarship funding for hundreds of low income private school students is at risk of coming to an end. The Invest in Kids program failed to go through on the final day on the fall veto session. Invest in Kids helps lower-income families afford private schools through scholarships funded by donations. Individuals that contribute to Invest in Kids receive a 75% tax credit. Republicans say they will continue to work to try to get a deal put in place but the session adjourned Thursday. Democrats have pointed out that the funding for the Invest in Kids program should be spent on public schools.

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AFTER 6AM

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Illinois Extension and 4-H recently welcomed a new 4-H Educator. Jessica Jaffry will serve as the new 4-H youth development educator in Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties. Sara Marten, Illinois Extension county director, says that they are excited to have Jaffry on board and says her experiences with 4-H will serve her well in building partnerships, developing programs, and working with volunteers to help youth thrive. Jessica is based in the Macoupin County Office in Carlinville and can be reached at jjaffry@illinois.edu or 217-854-9604.

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Healthcare	10/13/23	9:22 AM	:36	Springfield Clinic award
Healthcare	10/27/23	4:22 PM	:33	LLCC Update
Healthcare	11/14/23	11:22 AM	:40	TMH Colleague of the month
Healthcare	11/24/23	3:22 PM	:39	Red Cross donations
Healthcare	12/12/23	7:22 AM	:37	Health Department covid update

RUN AS OF 10-13-23

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Springfield Clinic, a prominent healthcare provider, is thrilled to announce that they have been named the "Most Loved Workplace" title for the second year running. The recognition comes from the respected Best Practice Institute and Newsweek's annual Top 100 companies list. Katie Rutledge, Springfield Clinic's Chief Human Resources Officer, spoke about their efforts to improve the work experience for employees, highlighting better benefits, professional growth, communication, transparency, and recognition. For more, visit mostlovedworkplace.com/companies/springfield-clinic.

RUN AS OF 10/27/23

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Lincoln Land Community College wants the community to know about their many programs that will kick-start students in the healthcare field. Dee Krueger, the Director of Lincoln Land Community College in Taylorville says the school offers 25 healthcare certificate programs that range from areas of nursing, occupational therapy, EMT training, and even medical coding. Information about the many fields offered at LLCC or the PATH Program can be found at www.LLCC.edu. Dee Krueger appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 11/14/23

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In a heartwarming acknowledgment of dedicated service, Taylorville Memorial Hospital has named Penny Clark, a Housekeeping Aide with Environmental Services, as the Colleague of the Month for October. Clark's exceptional commitment and positive demeanor have not only left a lasting impact on her colleagues but have also made a significant difference in the lives of patients and their families. Penny Clark has been a valuable member of the Taylorville Memorial Hospital team since 2022, consistently embodying the hospital's commitment to compassionate care. Her Colleague of the Month recognition is a testament to her outstanding contributions and the positive impact she has had on both her colleagues and the individuals the hospital serves.

RUN AS OF 11/24/23

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The American Red Cross is again reminding eligible donors that the need for donations during the holiday season is rising and there are opportunities to donate with the Red Cross. The South Central Chapter of the Red Cross serves 31 counties and over 1 million people, donation locations are available at 769 South Durkin Drive in Springfield and 2674 North Main Street in Decatur. For the month of December, those who give blood from December 18th to January 5th will receive a Red Cross Long sleeve T-shirt. Information about the American Red Cross or donation locations can be found at www.redcross.org/local/illinois/about-us/locations/south-central-illinois.html.

RUN AS OF 12/12/23

AFTER 6AM

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The Christian County Health Department is reporting an increase of a little over 48% over last week in the number of hospital admissions due to COVID-19. The health department has also seen a 40% positivity rate in the last seven days, up 15% from last month. If you haven't received your COVID-19 vaccination, the CCHD is urging you to call to make your appointment at 217-824-4113. If you suspect you have COVID or may have been exposed to it, testing is offered Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 10 AM. Find out more information by visiting <https://covid.cdc.gov>