

**Quarterly Issues/Programs
List**

**For
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City government	07/23/16	9:20 am	1 min 50 sec	Taylorville PD Terminate Officer Anthony Telford
City government	08/02/16	9:20 am	2 min 00 secs	City Council Grants Chilifest Permits
City government	08/02/16	9:20 am	1 min 15 secs	Concerns Over Potentially Annexed Land for City
City government	08/16/16	9:20 am	1 min 45 secs	City Annexes Land and Distributes IEPA Funds
City government	09/19/16	9:20 am	1 min 35 secs	Council Debates Pay of Elected Officials

The Taylorville Police Department has terminated Officer Anthony Telford after the department completed its internal investigation of an incident involving Telford last month.

Telford, a seven-year veteran of the Taylorville Police Department, was facing domestic battery charges in Skokie, Illinois due to an incident with his wife following a Chicago Cubs game, where she accused him of choking and punching her in the face during an argument.

Those charges were dropped last week; however Telford had remained on paid administrative leave during the Taylorville Police Department's investigation. Regional Radio News will have more details on this story as they become available.

8/2/16

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The Taylorville City Council met in their regular session on Monday Night at the Taylorville Municipal Building. One item on the agenda was a motion to approve the request for and to grant a special events permit for the 31st Annual Chillifest to be held on October 1st and 2nd at the Christian County Square. Alderman Earl Walters made a comment on the motion where he shared that this year's Chillifest is slate to be the biggest ever.

WED 1 Chilifest1 :28

There is one event however that the city simply couldn't get put together, that event being the 5-k. That said, there is still plenty scheduled for Chillifest.

WED 2 Chilifest2 :14

Ultimately the Taylorville City Council voted unanimously to approve the request. Barricades will be placed on the south side of the Taylorville square beginning at noon on Friday, September 30th, and the whole square will close at 6PM on Sunday the 2nd until the cleanup is done.

8/2/16 6A MP

The Taylorville City Council met in regular session Monday Night at the Taylorville Municipal Building. The issue of an Ordinance that would annex a half acre parcel of land north and adjacent to 110 E. Heights dominated the discussion of the meeting, with discussion on the issue lasting nearly an hour. The issue that arose came from a resident who lives next to the property who has concerns about a project that is currently planned to turn the parcel of land into a parking lot that would exit next to his home should the land be annexed by the council. He stated how that project should it be built as planned would not only lower his property value, but also create a dangerous traffic situation in an area that is already a problem for him due to a fence that sits next to his driveway. Alderman Larry Budd commented on the issue agreeing with the Taylorville resident, and raising his own concerns as to why the project hadn't been discussed with the council.

TUE 3 council1 :22

Because the parcel of land is less than an acre in size, the city engineer can simply approve or deny a project without taking it to the council. More questions were raised however by Alderman Jones as to whether or not City Engineer Joe Greene was aware when he initially approved the project to the concerns that were being brought up in the city council meeting.

TUE 4 council2 :27

The project engineer who was in attendance was asked whether or not they could change the plans of the project so that the parking lot traffic would exit the parking lot at the same entrance it came in at, eliminating the need of a driveway next to the residence's home. The engineer stated plans could be drawn up, however they had to be submitted within the next two weeks for approval. Alderman Vota suggested a solution.

TUE 5 council3 :32

Ultimately the decision was made to table the discussion on the annexation of the land until the project engineer could speak again with City Engineer Joe Greene about the concerns of the Taylorville resident and the potential redesigning of the planned parking lot.

8/16/16

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Two other items that were brought up at Monday night's City Council meeting came from Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton during his Mayor Updates. The first thing that the Mayor brought up was how he wanted to commend Alderman Walters for helping prepare the upcoming Chillifest.

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Mayor Brotherton also wanted the Council to consider the hiring of a City Manager at the next meeting of the finance committee.

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After voting and passing the motions that came from the various committee meetings, the Taylorville City Council Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:31 PM.

The Taylorville City Council met in their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday Night at the Taylorville Municipal Building. The meeting started off with the Mayoral Appointment of Ann Chandler to the Library Board, which the council approved unanimously. The Council also voted to accept the resignation of former Police Chief Dave Herpstreith, which also passed unanimously, with comments coming from the council commending the job that Herpstreith has done.

The major item of the night revolved around the pay of several elected officials. There were motions to direct City Attorney Rocci Romano to prepare ordinances to provide an annual salary of \$58,000 for the Mayor during the four-year term of office that begins in May of 2017, as well as for ordinances regarding pay for the city Alderman, as well as City Clerk and Treasurer. Alderman Shawn Burtle commented on the matter stating how he believes that a raise in the Mayor's pay doesn't always equate to a raise in performance from the office, bringing up examples of how the city had paid past mayors substantially more, and how current Mayor Greg Brotherton was currently doing a good job at a lower rate of pay without having a secretary.

Another issue that was brought up by Alderman Ernie Dorchinecz (dor-shin-ez) was the fact that two Alderman, Bruce Jones and Rob Heberling, were both absent from the meeting. He felt it was only fair that the motions regarding official salaries were tabled until they could be voted on by the full council. The motion to table for the raise for the Mayor's Salary was passed 4-3, with the motion to table for all other matters failing, and those motions all passing with only one no vote for each.

One item on the agenda that had received some interest in the community was an ordinance to eliminate the residency requirement for the City Librarian. Alderman Larry Budd read an e-mail he had received from a concerned citizen that stated how her grand kids attended schools in Taylorville, however lived in another city. The e-mail detailed how her kids could not utilize the Taylorville library, due to not technically being residents of the city. She asked that should the council eliminate the residency requirement for the City Librarian position, they consider allowing non-residence of the city to utilize the library, should they work or attend school in the city. Alderman Budd shared that he had explained to the citizen that the reason the city was eliminating the residency requirement for the Librarian position, was due to a lack of qualified candidates within city limits who were interested in the position. Ultimately the motion to eliminate the residency requirement for the City Librarian position passed unanimously.

Another topic of discussion at Monday Nights Taylorville City Council meeting revolved around the security at Lake Taylorville. The Lake and Airport Committee held a meeting prior to the city council meeting, where they voted on a motion to install a new security system at the Lake Area, which includes the replacement of cameras with new, high definition security cameras in many different locations around the lake and marina. The motion passed unanimously in the committee, as well as during the council meeting. Alderman Martin Vota wanted to let the public know that the issue of security at Lake Taylorville has been addressed.

After approving the payment of bills, the Taylorville City Council meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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County government	08/10/16	9:20 am	30 secs	Christian and Shelby Counties Consolidates 911 Boards
County government	08/15/16	9:20 am	1 min; 50 secs	Kettelkamp Warns of Telemarketing Scam
County government	08/17/16	9:20 am	1 min; 20 secs	Concern over Representation on new 911 Board
County government	08/17/16	9:20 am	1 min; 45 secs	County Board Prepares for New Overtime Pay Laws

7/20/2016

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The Christian County Board met in regular session last night at the Christian County Courthouse. The meeting started off with the presentation of a zoning ordinance reclassification of a parcel of land being annexed into Taylorville from residential to commercial. The reason for this change was for the construction of a parking lot, and landscaping purposes. After the reading of communications, the meeting moved on to the various committee reports.

One item that generated some tense discussion during last night's county board meeting was discussion on the current financial software company that handles payroll for the county. When the county switched from the old software to the new, the county encountered some issues with the system as well as the company that makes the software. This has led to issues regarding the hours and money spent on the conversion. County Treasurer Betty Asmussen wanted clarification on why this was the case from Christian County Clerk Laurie Mense.

WED 3 County2 :51

This ultimately led to a rather heated exchange between the two.

WED 4 County3 :59

Another item that came out of the highway, building, grounds, environmental, zoning and welfare committee was a request to award a contract for a bid to repair and replace a bridge in Mt. Auburn. County Board Member Ben Curtin spoke on the request, and stated how the county had received two bids on the project.

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County1

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The Board passed a motion to accept the bid from County Contractors for the project, with comments on how with the project the bridge will be brought back up to acceptable load limits and re-opened, and should be good for another 50 to 60 years.

After approving mileage and per diem reports as well as approving the appointment of Tony Woods as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year appointment, the Christian County Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

8/10/16

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Christian and Shelby Counties have consolidated 911 services. Mickie Ehrhardt, 911 Administrator spoke with Regional Radio News and said why the two counties will be combining their 911 services.

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With the consolidated 911 between the two counties, this means a consolidated 911 board as well. Ehrhardt shared how at the last meeting of the Christian County 911 Board on Wednesday night, the board worked to establish the new consolidated board with Shelby County.

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Members of the Christian County 911 board who will serve on the new consolidated board with Shelby County include Jack Pearce Jr, Korey Bailey, Andy Goodall, Dave Herpstreith, and Sheriff Bruce Kettlecamp.

8/15/16

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MP

There is a telemarketing scam going around where a telemarketing firm will claim that they're with the Illinois Sheriff's association and ask the person they're calling for a monetary donation. Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp spoke with Regional Radio News and said how the ISA never solicits by phone.

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ISAscaml

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Sheriff Kettelkamp said that you should ask for the name and phone number of the telemarketing firm who calls you when you encounter someone making this claim, and reminded the public that you shouldn't give out any personal information to these telemarketing scams.

TUE

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ISAscaml

:26

You should take any information on the telemarketing firm that you got to your local law enforcement. Also should you have any doubts about a telemarketing call, you should just hang up.

The Christian County Board met in their regular monthly session on Tuesday night at the Christian County Courthouse. The main items of the night revolved around dissolving the current Christian County 911 board, and approving the members that will represent Christian County on the new consolidated 911 board with Shelby County.

There was some concern from County Board Member Matt Wells as to the members representing Christian County on the new board. Wells was concerned about how there is not representation of all four of the Christian County districts on the new board. County Board member Jack Pearce informed Wells that the reason was that those members on the previous Christian County 911 board who are from the districts that wouldn't be represented on the new consolidated 911 board with Shelby County, had decided to step down from their positions when the Personnel Committee was nominating potential board members for the new consolidated 911 board.

There was also some discussion on whether or not Taylorville Police Chief Dave Herpstreith should remain as one of the nominated members of the new 911 board due to his decision to step down as Taylorville Chief of Police. The decision was made to keep Herpstreith on as a nominated member for now. Ultimately every member who was nominated to represent Christian County on the new Consolidated 911 Board with Shelby County was approved.

8/17/16

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Another item that was voted on at Tuesdays Christian County Board meeting was a motion on how accrued and unused sick and vacation time for exempt and non-exempt county employees would be converted under the new standards that will go into effect in December under the Fair Labor Standards Act. There was also a motion to change all management and mid-management work weeks to a 40 hour week from the current 35 hour week, and it was noted that the change would not affect union employees. Board Member Matt Wells was concerned as to how the current sick and vacation time accrued for those employees would be converted under the new standards.

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CB1

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County Clerk Laurie Mense explained how the change will work, and why it's being made.

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Both the motion to change the work week for certain county employees from a 35 hour week to a 40 hour week, and the motion to change accrued and unused sick time was converted to the new standards carried. The Christian County Board meeting adjourned at 7:15.

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Economic development	08/18/16	9:20 am	1 min, 45 sec	CCEDC Moves Forward with Industrial Park Project
Economic development	08/18/16	9:20 am	1 min, 30 secs	Owaneco Company Bringing Solar Power to Springfield
Economic development	9/22/16	9:20 am	1 min, 50 secs	CCEDC Seeking Grant for Industrial Park Project
Economic development	9/23/16	9:20 am	1 min, 40 sec	Charro Mexican Restaurant in Taylorville Moving

8/9/16 5P MP

The new Jimmy Johns location in Taylorville is getting ready to open their doors, hopefully as early as next week. Patrick Wampler with the Jimmy Johns Taylorville location spoke with Regional Radio News and said how the store is shooting for an August 16th open date.

WED 3 JJ1 :29

Even though the open date is close, the store is still looking to hire new staff. Wampler said how they're still accepting applications and conducting interviews.

WED 4 JJ2 :28

For more information or to fill out an application, visit the Jimmy Johns store attached to the Family Video at 433 West Spresser Street in Taylorville.

8/18/16

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MP

An Owaneco company is helping to bring solar power to Springfield and Sangamon County. WindSolarUSA launched their "Go Solar Springfield" program, which will give customers who would like to install solar panels onto their home or business group buy deals. Company founder Michelle Knox spoke with Regional Radio News and said how the program works.

FRI

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Solar1

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Knox shared some of the benefits to installing solar panels.

FRI

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Solar2

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WindSolarUSA also operates throughout Central Illinois. Knox said that they targeted Springfield with this most recent program due to the local utility company in the city offering a rebate for solar power. Knox said how she also wants to expand the program into other areas of Central Illinois, hopefully being able to offer similar deal to other counties.

8/18/16

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The Christian County Economic Development Corporation held their Executive Committee meeting Thursday at the CCEDC Office in Taylorville. Marry Renner, Executive Director of the CCEDC spoke with Regional Radio News and said how most of the meeting went towards talking about the CCEDC's ongoing Taylorville Industrial Park Development project.

FRI

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Mary1

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Renner said how the CCEDC hopes to have some of the next steps with the project done soon.

FRI

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Mary2

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Renner said that the plan for the project is to bring light manufacturing as well as warehouse distribution and office space of some kind to a 33 acre of Taylorville just north of Walmart, that Taylorville Development Association would own and operate.

9/22/16

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The Christian County Economic Development Corporation held their Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday. Mary Renner, Executive Director of the CCEDC spoke with Regional Radio News and shared how the major topic of the day was the continued discussion of a grant to bring a new industrial park to the north side of Taylorville.

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IPark1

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Renner said that most of the work on the application is complete, and the CCEDC is hoping to be able to submit the application for that grant by the end of November.

FRI

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IPark2

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Other items that were discussed at the meeting involved discussion on the annual CCEDC meeting, as well as how the organization can better market itself in the future. The next CCEDC Full Board will be on October 21st at 10:30am, with the CCEDC Annual Meeting following at 12 noon at Taylorville Memorial Hospital.

A local eatery is moving. Charro Mexican Restaurant in Taylorville will be moving from its current location on West Route 104, to a new location in the same building that used to be CVS Pharmacy. Ezekiel Camacho, owner of Charro Mexican Restaurant said the business' lease for its current location is almost expired. The Restaurant tried to purchase the building that it's currently in, however a deal couldn't be struck, and it was time to move on.

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Charro1

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Camacho said the lease for their current location ends on October 10th, and he's hoping to open for business at the new location on October 17th. That open date is subject to how quickly the construction can be completed on the new location.

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Education	07/12/16	9:20 am	1 min; 10 sec	Millikin University Named One of Nations Best
Education	07/13/16	9:20 am	1 min	Track Renovations at THS Underway
Education	08/04/16	9:20 am	55 secs	St. Marys School Wins Award from RK Dixon
Education	08/09/16	9:20 am	1 min, 10 secs	Taylorville School Board Presented Tentative FY17 Budget

The Taylorville City Council met in regular session Monday night. The meeting took place in the Stonington Elementary cafeteria as opposed to the usual setting of the Taylorville School District Administration Building. The reason for the change in venue was due to the school board getting a tour of the facilities in Stonington.

The meeting was also more notably upbeat considering the news of the passing of the stopgap budget that will fully fund Illinois Schools for the year. Taylorville Superintendent Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau (Fur-Sten-Ow) commended the local Citizens For Education group for their continued presence both in Springfield and at other school funding reform rallies across the state. With the stopgap budget in place, Taylorville Schools can now look at putting together its FY17 budget.

TUE 1 Schools1 :44

It was also mentioned during the treasurer's report that the Taylorville School District is expecting their first local installment in August.

TUE 2 Schools2 :26

It was also mentioned during the meeting that online registration for Taylorville Schools will begin soon. Regional Radio News will have more details when they become available.

7/12/16

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MP

A local university has been named one of the Nation's best by Forbes in its annual Top Colleges in America Rankings. Millikin University is one of 26 colleges from Illinois to make the Forbes' national ranking of 660 institutions. Millikin University Provost Jeff Aper spoke with Regional Radio News recently about the rankings, and said why the Forbes ranking is different than other college rankings.

WED

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Millikin1

:55

Aper shared what he feels sets Millikin University apart from other Universities in the country.

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Millikin2

:44

Last year 99 percent of Millikin graduates gained employment or admission in to professional or graduate school within six months of graduation. For more information on Millikin University, visit them online at millikin.edu.

The Taylorville City Council met in regular session Monday night. The meeting took place in the Stonington Elementary cafeteria as opposed to the usual setting of the Taylorville School District Administration Building. The reason for the change in venue was due to the school board getting a tour of the facilities in Stonington.

There were several items of both old business and new business to attend to during the meeting. One was the consideration of bids for two vehicles as well as a piece of property that the school owns. There were some questions as to how the school acquired the property as well as what its appraised value was. Dr. Fuerstenau explained that the reason why the school was looking to sell the property was due to the costs of maintenance, as well as the fact that the school has to list it as a liability on its insurance.

WED 1 Schools3 :15

Another item of note that came out of Monday's Taylorville School Board Meeting was the report that the renovations to the Taylorville High School track are underway.

WED 2 Schools4 :26

The Taylorville School Board meeting on Monday adjourned at approximately 7:57pm.

8/4/16

12P

MP

St. Marys School in Taylorville has won an award from R.K. Dixon for an “office technology makeover”. The school will receive an award in an amount of \$15,000 to go towards any services or equipment for their office from R.K. Dixon. Cathy Robertson, Principle at St. Mary’s spoke with Regional Radio News and said how once the school found out they had been placed in the top five, voting for the school exploded.

FRI

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StMarys1

:23

Robertson said how winning the office makeover couldn’t have come at a better time for the school with the renovations the school is making. She shared what the award will let the school do.

FRI

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StMarys2

:14

Robertson also wanted to thank the community for supporting the school throughout the voting process.

8/9/16

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MP-1

The Taylorville School Board met in their regular scheduled meeting on Monday night at the Taylorville School District Administration building. The primary item on the night's agenda was the presentation of the tentative budget for FY17, and the establishment of a final hearing date. When presenting the budget, Taylorville Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau explained how one area of the budget was a problem due to issues such as proration.

TUE

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SBoard1

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Dr. Fuerstenau said how the district would have to either direct money from the education fund or PPRT money to help solve the funding issues for the transportation portion of the FY17 budget.

Overall the Taylorville School Board is operating under a budget deficit. Dr. Fuerstenau said how although the current budget situation isn't ideal, the situation could have been much worse had the state government handled the general state aid for Taylorville Schools in a different manor.

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SBoard2

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After the presentation of Taylorville School District's Tentative FY17 budget, the School board set a final hearing date of September 12th for the budget.

8/9/16

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MP-2

Dr. Fuerstenau also wanted to extend thanks to the custodial staff during his report during the Taylorville School Board meeting on Monday night, stating that the custodial staff has done a great job over the summer.

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The School Board also voted and passed a consideration of a Superintendent Contract Extension Resolution to extend Dr. Fuerstenau's contract with the Taylorville School System for the next five years, with the resolution receiving a single "no" vote.

After the report of the Superintendent completed, the August meeting of the Taylorville School Board adjourned at approximately 8:13 pm.

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Health	08/26/16	9:20 am	1 min; 30 sec	Hazmat Spill Occurs in Assumption
Health	09/05/16	9:20 am	1 min; 10 sec	AMS Special Friends Program Underway
Health	09/07/16	9:20 am	40 secs.	Pair of Area Death Investigations Finalized
Health	09/22/16	9:20 am	1 mins, 20 secs	CCHD Celebrating 50 Years

7/5/16

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MP

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the Christian County Coroner Office are conducting a death investigation regarding the death of a Tower Hill toddler. On July 4th at approximately 7:13 AM, Coles County 911 received a call and transferred to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office that a 2 year old boy was not breathing and was unresponsive in the 200 block of Champlain Street in Tower Hill. The boy was taken to Pana Community Hospital E.R. where he was pronounced dead at 8:05 AM. Preliminary investigation shows that 2 year old Gavin Steed was wedged in between the top bunk bed rail and the mattress when his father found him. An autopsy was scheduled for late Monday in Bloomington.

9/5/16 6A mp

The American Cancer Society's Special Friends Program is intended to help provide friendship and fun to pediatric cancer patients and their siblings, by pairing the kids with a student in medical school to help bond. Katie Champion, Senior Manager of Community Engagement with the American Cancer Society explained who is eligible for the Special Friends Program.

MON 5 ACS1 :30

The program hosts a series of parties for the kids and students to have fun and help show the kids that doctors are people too. Champion shed light on one of the upcoming parties that the program has lined up.

MON 6 ACS2 :30

Most of the parties are hosted in Springfield, and many of the families involved come from all over central Illinois. For more information on the Special Friends Program, contact Katie Champion at the American Cancer Society at (217) 523-4503.

8/26/16

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MP

A hazmat spill occurred in Assumption on Friday. Taylorville Assistant Fire Chief Andy Goodall spoke with Regional Radio News and said that tank carrying diesel fuel fell off of the back of a truck that was towing it, struck a utility pole and began leaking.

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hazmat1

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The fuel didn't catch fire, however it did find its way into the sewer system for the city of Assumption.

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hazmat2

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Goodall said there was no risk to the drinking water for Assumption residents, since the fuel leaked into the sewer system, and how it was just the sewer system that was effected.

9/22/16

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The Christian County Health Department's 50th Anniversary is coming up, and the Department will be holding an open house to celebrate. Public Health Administrator with the Christian County Health Department Nancy Martin spoke with Regional Radio News and talked about some of the activities that will happen at the open house.

FRI 1

HDOH1

:22

Martin also shared some of the history of the health department, and mentioned how the health department is one of those things where you have been affected by the work they do, even if you don't realize it.

FRI 2

HDOH2

:35

The open house celebration is on Tuesday, October 4th from 4 until 6 pm at the Health Department Offices at 902 West Springfield Road in Taylorville. The Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting will be taking place at 4:30 to celebrate the Christian County Health Department becoming a new member of the Chamber of Commerce.

9/7/16

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MP

A pair of area death investigations that were being conducted by Christian County Coroner Amy Calvert Winans has been finalized. 18 year old James A. Reinstorf of Pana died on July 17th at 10:53am at his residence in Pana. His cause of death has been determined to be hydromorphone intoxication, and the manner of his death has been ruled to be accidental.

33 year old Luis Gerardo De La Cruz Hernandez of Taylorville died on July 27th on Route 29 in Taylorville Township. His cause of death was determined to be from multiple blunt injuries caused by being struck by a semi-tractor trailer truck as a pedestrian. His death was also determined to be accidental.