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County Govt	1/16/24	9:22 AM	:40	County Board Jan
County Govt	1/25/24	4:22 PM	:43	EPA Update
County Govt	2/1/24	11:22 AM	:37	Farm govt update
County Govt	3/9/24	3:22 PM	:34	Food Desert
County Govt	3/14/24	7:22 AM	:49	Ameren Superfund update

Read As of 1-16-24

JT

The Christian County board met on Tuesday night for a brief meeting at the Christian County Courthouse. A potential new solar project in assumption, approval over funding for water testing near the Ameren remediation site, as well as funding for a child care center in assumption were discussed. Georgia Morgan with Strata clean energy located out of Durham, North Carolina made the only public comment. Strata clean energy has begun the process of completing a 250 watt solar facility located on the Christian and Shelby county line in Assumption. The project has 1800 acres under lease option with 1000 acres in Christian County and 800 in Shelby County. Strata is preparing for a special use permit in the second half of 2024. The next Christian County Board meeting is set for February 20th, 2024

RUN AS OF 1/25/24

AFTER 6AM

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The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director John J. Kim has announced the investment of more than \$66 million through water infrastructure loans to local governments and water districts for the first half of Fiscal Year 2024 including Kincaid, Illinois. The Illinois EPA State Revolving Fund or SRF Program provides low-interest loans which fund wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water projects. Of that investment, more than \$4.6 million in loan forgiveness was provided to those recipients meeting the loan rules for either the Small Community Rate or Hardship Rate. In Christian County in Kincaid, the first phase of a three-phase project has been approved. For more information, visit the EPA website, by visiting this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com.

RUN AS OF 2/1/24

AFTER 6AM

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Members of the Illinois General Assembly announced today the Family Farm Preservation Act, a bipartisan effort to protect farm families and their land by updating the Illinois Estate Tax code. The measure is being spearheaded by Sen. Dave Koehler, D-Peoria, and Rep. Sharon Chung, D-Bloomington. In addition to Kohler and Chung, five other General Assembly members helped announce introduction of the bill, underscoring the bipartisanship effort: Sen. Patrick Joyce, D-Essex, Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, Sen. Tom Bennett, R-Gibson City, Rep. Charlie Meier, R-Okawville, Rep. Norine Hammond, R-Macomb, and Rep. Jason Bunting, R-Emington.

RUN AS OF 3/9/24

AFTER 6AM

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Everyone should have fresh, nutritious food to eat but in some places in Illinois that poses a challenge. Some areas that struggle to get food are called food deserts, and State Senator Doris Turner says she is working on Senate Bill 3219 which would expand on the 2023 Illinois Grocery Initiative by allowing the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide grants for equipment upgrades for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets. Currently DCEO provides these grants to existing independently owned stores and not-for-profit stores. Senate Bill 3219 passed the Senate Agriculture Committee with bipartisan support.

RUN AS OF 3/14/24

AFTER 6AM

LK

With all of the work being done by Ameren and the IEPA at the Superfund Site in Taylorville, one group is making their voices heard in what they see as a lack of caring, a lack of testing, and a lack of empathy. It's about protecting children says Mason Boston, PR with "My Community My Family." Nikki Cisco and Boston sat down with Regional Radio News to talk a little about what they are doing and why working against this project is so important to them. The IEPA still has not given My Community My Family a timeline for when they will be doing testing, regardless of discussions during the meeting stressing the urgency of testing. Cisco says there are ways you can get involved with meetings on Monday evenings and there will be health surveys. On April 20th there will be Music Bingo Night, which will be a fundraiser for privatized testing and other needs. Find out more information by visiting My Community My Family Facebook's page.

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City Govt	2/7/24	4:22 PM	:37	Local Park update
City Govt	3/5/24	11:22 AM	:34	City Council March 1
City Govt	3/7/24	3:22 PM	:32	Chief Wheeler update
City Govt	3/8/24	7:22 AM	:21	Tree limb pickup

RUN AS OF 2/6/24

TZ

New legislation has altered the way policing is handled in the state of Illinois. Rural areas are feeling the effects differently than the states in more densely populated areas. Daniel Bland, Pana Police Chief, has been working for law enforcement for over 25 years and says legislation recently passed like the SAFETY Act applies added pressure to officers, judges, and state attorneys. To contact the Pana Police Department, their non-emergency number is 217-562-2141. Chief Bland appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show, live from the lobby of Peoples Bank and Trust in Downtown Pana.

RUN AS OF 2/7/24

TZ

A recent announcement of grant funds for Illinois regarding local parks and recreation projects included the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Park District receiving a piece of the \$54.9 million towards new developments. The city of Taylorville will receive \$140,000 while the park district will take in \$600,000 in matching funds. Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry is happy to be using this money to revitalize Lake Taylorville's facilities. The Mayor is happy to be focusing attention on the Route 29 Bike trail Bridge and Lake Taylorville improvements in 2024.

RUN AS OF 3/5/24

AFTER 6AM

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Taylorville City Council met to review old business, ordinances, and committee reports. All aldermen were present except for Randy Mitchelson and Steve Dorchinecz. After approval of minutes, the council approved the BDD agreement for the new Sonic, the agreement with 104 South Main Street, a four way stop sign at W. Vine Street and North Powers Street (Megan Bryant voted no), the change date for the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting to Wednesday March 27th due to a holiday, and a motion to purchase a Vermeer Drill. The next City Council meeting is set for March 18th.

RUN AS OF 3/7/24

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Taylorville Police Chief Dwayne Wheeler is putting his foot down when it comes to littering and speeding around the Taylorville Square. Many Alderman have expressed concern over conduct on the square where many local young people spend their nights. Chief Wheeler has taken a no-nonsense approach when it comes to trash being left on the square as he acknowledges and plans to place fines of \$750 on citizens who fail to find a trashcan. For questions or concerns, contact the Taylorville Police Department at 217-824-2211.

RUN AS OF 3/8/24

AFTER 6AM

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The Taylorville Street Department and City Council have announced the tree limb pickup schedule for April. Tree limbs will be picked up in the month of April with Ward 1 beginning Monday, April 1st, Ward 2 on April 8th, Ward 3 on April 15th, and Ward 4 on April 22nd. The next tree limb pickup will be October 2024. For any questions, please contact Michael L. Mann, Street and Sewer Superintendent.

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Economic Development	1/24/24	4:22 PM	:33	Brandon Bible new opening
Economic Development	1/27/24	11:22 AM	:37	IDOT road work
Economic Development	2/28/24	3:22 PM	:39	YMCA Update
Economic Development	3/4/24	7:22 AM	:34	Bundles & Bliss

RUN AS OF 1/19/24

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Cindy Frisina and the Heartland Development Partners have undertaken multiple properties around the Taylorville Square to restore and revitalize the space with new businesses. The first project slated to be finished is called Legendary Small Town Trading Company, located at 123 South Washington Street in Taylorville. It will feature a coffee and wine bar serving pastries and sandwiches, ample seating like lounge chairs and booths with complimentary internet access, and a back room wine-tasting area where the high-quality spirits can be found for sale inside the building along with other retail items. The final touches are being added to the Legendary Small Town Trading Company building and Frisina says she looks to have 123 South Washington up and running by the first week of February.

RUN AS OF 1/24/23

AFTER 6AM

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Brandon Bible Country Financial moved to a new location and held their grand opening and ribbon cutting after moving into Marsango Plaza on West Spresser Tuesday afternoon. Brandon Bible says that the move allows Country Financial to better serve their customers. Bible says he's very excited to be moving into the new building. For more information, check out countryfinancial.com and look up Brandon Bible or call his offices at 217-287-2332.

RUN AS OF 1/27/24

AFTER 6AM

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The Illinois Department of Transportation is advising the public that maintenance crews are out patrolling and repairing potholes on state highways and interstates across the state, requiring drivers to slow down, use caution and move over for workers. Non-emergency patching operations usually take place during nonpeak travel periods and often require temporary lane closures. IDOT is committed to patching potholes as quickly as possible. It's a continuing operation –anytime IDOT maintenance staff are not plowing snow or treating roads at this time of year, they can be found monitoring pavement conditions and repairing potholes. To report a pothole on a state highway or interstate, call 1-800-452-IDOT(4368).

RUN AS OF 2/28/24

AFTER 6AM

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The Christian County YMCA is working on getting a face lift. The building, which was completed in 1980 has been looking for an upgrade to its facilities in a while and the public campaign for the outreach is set to start tomorrow. Executive Director of the YMCA Bruce Blanshan says that for its over 3,000 person membership, the upgrade is long overdue. To donate, call 217-287-7271, fill out a pledge card and drop it off at the YMCA, or send it through the mail. You can also find out more information about the campaign by visiting the YMCA's website at <https://www.ccyymca.org/>.

RUN AS OF 3/4/24

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Bundles and Bliss held their official grand opening on Friday, moving into their new location on the Taylorville Square at 103 South Washington Street. Abby Barlow, Owner of Bundles and Bliss is happy to be joining the business on the square. A higher traffic area is what Barlow was looking for when relocating, and she says she has achieved that with the new space. Bundles and Bliss is now open at 103 South Washington Street on the Taylorville Square, and Barlow is happy to be in good company in downtown Taylorville.

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Education	2/5/24	9:22 AM	:30	ICF scholarships
Education	2/19/24	4:22 PM	:33	LLCC Stem
Education	3/1/24	11:22 AM	:28	THS Spring production
Education	3/12/24	3:22 PM	:34	LLCC Board opening
Education	3/16/24	7:22 AM	:41	Eclipse

RUN AS OF 2/5/24

AFTER 6AM

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Illinois High School seniors are encouraged to apply by March 3rd for the 2024 Conservation Achievement Scholarship, sponsored by the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF). The ICF annually awards scholarships to outstanding seniors who demonstrate effective voluntary, long term dedication to the preservation, protection or enhancement of the state's natural resources. Contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at 217-785-2003 or info@ilconservation.org for more information.

RUN AS OF 2/19/24

AFTER 6AM

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Lake Land College will be holding a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) exploration Day through their math and science division. The event will allow high school juniors and seniors to learn more about Lake Land's math and science academic programs as well as career opportunities in STEM fields. Parents or guardians of high school students, as well as anyone interested in pursuing a math or science degree, are welcome to attend. Registration is open now and you can sign up at lakelandcollege.edu/visit. TO learn more contact Laurie Rincker, at 217-234-5237.

RUN AS OF 3/1/24

AFTER 6AM

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Taylorville High School will hold their Spring Musical Production of the musical 42nd Street in March and reserved seating is available. All of the students have been working hard to put this production together and are excited to be putting this event on. The story is of a small town girl trying to make it big on Broadway. Performances will be held at the Taylorville Junior High Gymnasium on Thursday, March 14th at 7 PM, Friday, March 15th at 7 PM, Saturday, March 16th at 2 PM, and Saturday, March 16th at 7 PM.

RUN AS OF 3/12/24

AFTER 6AM

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The Lake Land College Board of Trustees will consider three candidates to fill a vacancy on the board at the regular March 11, 2024 meeting. Candidates who have submitted application materials by the March 1 deadline are: Curtis Garrard, Effingham, Larry Lilly, Mattoon and Scott Wilson, Charleston. The vacancy was created in February with the resignation of former trustee Mike Sullivan, Mattoon. The individual selected by the board to fill the vacancy will serve until the next consolidated election in April of 2025.

RUN AS OF 3/16/24

AFTER 6AM

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The Macon County Conservation District will be offering two different opportunities to experience the 2024 solar eclipse. There will be a Solar Eclipse Party as well as a van trip to SIU's Eclipse Day. On Monday, April 8, there will be a Solar Eclipse Party at the Rock Springs Conservation Area from 12-3:30pm. Rock Springs Conservation Area is located on the southwestern edge of Decatur. To get to Rock Springs from Decatur, go south on Route 48 and turn west onto Rock Springs Road, or go south on Wyckles Road and turn east onto Rock Springs Road. Watch for signs. Plenty of parking is available.

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Healthcare	2/20/24	9:22 AM	:31	TMH Survey
Healthcare	2/21/24	4:22 PM	:37	PCH Update
Healthcare	3/4/24	11:22 AM	:33	Cardiac Arrest Update
Healthcare	3/9/24	3:22 PM	:29	HSHS Update
Healthcare	3/13/24	7:22 AM	:48	Mental health awareness

RUN AS OF 2/20/24

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There is still time for local community members to share their thoughts and opinions concerning the health needs in Taylorville and Christian County by filling out the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey. The survey is distributed at all Memorial Health locations and every three years professionals with Memorial Health compile this data from the community and provide services to aid in the newly recognized deficiencies. The Community Health Needs Assessment Survey can be found at memorial.health/community-health-needs-assessment-a-survey.

RUN AS OF 2/21/24

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Pana Community Hospital wants the community to know about their transport service that is taking over the roles that the Faith in Action Transport Service once controlled. PCH Transport has eliminated scheduling and operational mishaps by introducing hired drivers to take patients to and from appointments or procedures. Carol Chandler, Director of Business Development for Pana Community Hospital, talks about the fleet of three vehicles and the new drivers, Chandler reminds the community that the transport service is for only Pana Community Hospital patients. To learn more about Pana Community Hospital Transport visit panahospital.com/patient-transportation-services.

RUN AS OF 3/4/24

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Every year, about 350,000 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) outside of a hospital setting with almost 90% of all cases being fatal. While there is an underlying belief that heart problems such as SCA tend to be more of a concern for men, that's not the case. In fact, women make up almost 40% of SCA episodes. Just as women may experience different symptoms of heart disease than men, their risk of SCA is somewhat different too. If you see someone drop to the ground and think it could be SCA, call 9-1-1 immediately. The faster CPR is started, and defibrillation is administered, the better the chances of survival.

RUN AS OF 3/9/24

AFTER 6AM

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Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) was recently awarded a Healing Illinois grant to foster discussion between central Illinois community members and health care professionals around equity in health care. Healing Illinois is an initiative led by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and the Field Foundation of Illinois. Statewide, 184 recipients will receive \$4.5 million in funding for community-based activities to advance racial healing. For more information about HSHS, visit hshs.org.

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The stigma around mental health continues to improve, and people have been more willing to seek treatment. However, questions still abound as to what medicine to take, what works well, and it gets even harder for women who are pregnant. Sarah Shoemaker, a certified nurse midwife at OSF Healthcare says that you are not alone. 1 in 5 women experience a mental health concern during pregnancy, and many women are taking medication for things like anxiety, depression, and bipolar disorder. Shoemaker says most of the time, you can and actually should stay on your medication, but have that conversation with your doctor. Make sure to speak to your primary care physician concerning any mental health concerns.