

**Quarterly Issues/Programs
List**

**For
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City government	10/3/17	9:42 am	1 min, 30 secs	Taylorville, City Police Nearing Contract Agreement
City government	10/18/17	11:42 am	2 mins	New Roof, Police Car Purchases Approved at Taylorville City Council Mtg.
City government	10/25/17	9:42 pm	50 secs	Pana to Set Aside Funds for Special Water Projects
City government	11/3/17	9:42 pm	40 secs	Taylorville Completing Multiple End of Year Repaving Projects
City government	11/9/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 30 secs	Christian County Mayors Meet to Discuss Community Issues

The city of Taylorville and its police officers are nearing a contract after months of negotiations. The Taylorville City Council approved some minor changes to an agreement already passed by the police union. City police officers have been working without a contract for about 17 months and have not had a raise since 2015.

Taylorville mayor Bruce Barry says the new contract does include a raise for city police officers.

TUES T Barry10-21 :24

This approved pay raise comes one day after the largest mass shooting in U.S. history in Las Vegas. Barry says the city's officers deserve this raise.

TUES Y Barry10-22 :11

Other action items included honoring Warren Kelly as the city's "Volunteer of the Month" and approving the terms of what will be a loan for the new municipal building roof. The loan was not formally approved, that is pending the results of the city's audit. The loan could be approved come the next city council meeting, scheduled for October 16 at 7 p.m. at Taylorville City Hall.

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The Taylorville City Council approved extensions for water service with Kincaid and Langleyville, multiple purchases and more in Monday night's city council meeting.

Taylorville mayor Bruce Barry says the extension is for 20 years, and it keeps that revenue coming into the city to help pay off the loan for the new water treatment plant.

TUES T Barry10161 :23

The water cooperation agreements must still be approved by the two entities before going into effect.

The board also called for action to prevent people from abusing the 9-1-1 system. Mayor Barry says the issue isn't a widespread problem, but even one person abusing the system ties up emergency resources when they could be needed elsewhere.

TUES Y Barry10162 :35

A loan with First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust was approved by the council to cover the cost of a new roof on the west side of the Taylorville Municipal Building and the purchase of three new police vehicles for the Taylorville Police Department. Total costs of all of these items equal approximately 195-thousand dollars.

The next Taylorville City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Taylorville Municipal Building.

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The Pana City Council wants to make sure it has funds set aside if an emergency arises in its water system. The council voted to amend a section of the annual water rate increase ordinance to set some funds aside for that purpose.

Pana Mayor Don Kroski says there will be no change to the annual water rate increase, it just sets aside some of the funds from the annual rate increase.

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KroskiWaterFund1

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Kroski says he wants to have the funds available if an emergency or special need comes up.

The city of Taylorville is working on multiple paving projects before colder weather takes hold for the winter.

Taylorville mayor Bruce Barry says there are seven different repaving projects going on, and he expects most of those to be completed by the end of the week.

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BarryRoadwork1

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Barry says that completion date is depending on if the weather holds out for construction crews.

Many of Christian County's village mayors met Wednesday morning at Taylorville City Hall to talk about issues among their communities. The mayors of Assumption, Mt. Auburn, Moweaqua, Owaneco, Palmer, Pana, Stonington, Taylorville, and Tovey were all in attendance at the meeting.

Many items were discussed at the informal meeting among mayors, including infrastructure issues. Multiple communities currently have projects to upgrade their water systems, but the consensus among the towns, as Assumption mayor John Kehl and Mt. Auburn mayor Brent Milburn put it, is that the area's infrastructure is old.

THURS E Mayors1 :21

Other issues discussed include building demolition, getting grant money for project, water billing, garbage pickups, and video gaming. Pana mayor Don Kroski says the meeting was very productive.

THURS R Mayors2 :22

The Christian County mayors are looking at having their next meeting in Pana in February.

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County government	10/18/17	9:42 am	2 mins, 10 secs	Christian County 2018 Insurance Needs Plenty of Discussion, Multiple Votes to Pass
County government	10/18/17	11:42 am	1 min, 35 secs	Mense Announces Retirement From Christian County Clerk Position
County government	11/22/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 45 secs	Gianasi Takes Over As Christian County Clerk
County government	11/23/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 45 secs	Christian County Board Reduces Deficit in Approved FY18 Budget
County government	12/23/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 40 secs	Shelby County Public Health Dept. Preparing to Celebrate 70 Year Anniversary

It took three different votes for property and causality insurance, but the Christian County Board approved that and its workmen's compensation insurance packages for 2018 at Tuesday night's board meeting.

The board had bids from four different companies to choose from on insurance. In a nearly unanimous vote, Dimond Brothers Insurance was once again chosen to serve the county for workman's compensation insurance. The property and causality insurance was where the board needed to mull things over.

In the first vote, the board voted down insurance from its current property / causality provider, Snedeker (Sneh-deh-ker) Risk Management, by a vote of 8-7. A motion was then made to go with Dimond Brothers for that insurance as well. Then that motion also failed 7-6 with two members abstaining. After each insurance company had five minutes to talk with board members and further discussion, the board took a second vote on going with Snedeker and that motion passed 9-6.

For those who voted for Snedeker, they did not mind paying about seven thousand more a year for the extra services they provided. District Three Board Member Molly Alaria says from the department heads she has talked to, those extra services provide peace of mind.

WED 3 AlariaBoard1 :25

Those who wanted the county to pick Dimond Brothers seemed to want the lower cost option, along with keeping the business in Christian County. District One Board Member Ben Curtin voted no both times, and explains his vote.

WED 4 CurtinBoard2 :12

The board will reconvene for its next meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the Christian County Courthouse.

Although she has not turned in her formal letter, Christian County Clerk and Recorder Laurie Mense told the Christian County board Tuesday night that she intends to retire from the position November 17th. Mense originally announced she would not seek re-election in September, but now she will retire from the position with about a year left in her term.

Mense says she wanted to follow through with her term, but circumstances will not allow that to happen.

WED T MenseRetirement1 :23

Mense says her office always has something going on, but she says the middle of November is a time where she feels a transition can be smoother.

WED Y MenseRetirement2 :23

County Board Chairman Tim Carlson announced the vacancy after Mense's announcement, and the county will start the process for looking for a replacement. Because Mense is leaving during her term, the replacement will be a Democrat.

Christian County's newest clerk and recorder is now on the job after Tuesday night's county board meeting. Michael Gianasi (Geh-NAE-zee) takes over for Laurie Mense who announced her retirement last month.

Gianasi says he was looking to settle his work situation when the opportunity arose for him to take over as county clerk.

WED E GianasiClerk1 :39

Gianasi says he does have previous experience working in Christian County government.

WED R GianasiClerk2 :37

Gianasi will serve out the rest of Mense's term, which will end in 2018.

The Christian County Board passed their budget plan for the 2018 fiscal year on Tuesday night at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The budget, although still running a deficit, is an improvement over budgets in years past.

Christian County Board Member Aaron Allen appeared as a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show and says the reduced deficit is evidence of an effort by the county board over the past several years to improve the county's fiscal outlook.

THU 1 CountyBudget1 :29

According to Allen, there is also a possibility of that deficit being smaller than originally budgeted at the end of the fiscal year.

THU 2 CountyBudget3 :34

Allen says for FY16, the original budgeted deficit of approximately \$700,000 ended up being in the \$400,000 range at the end of the fiscal year.

The Shelby County Public Health Department is getting ready to celebrate their 70th anniversary of operation. Steve Melega (Mel-Eee-Guh) with the Shelby County Public Health Department says there is a rich history behind the department.

Melega says the department is preparing to celebrate the milestone, and says those in Shelby County have a long history of being in tune with public health.

WKN 3 Melega1 :37

Melega also spoke of the time where the Shelby and Effingham County Public Health Departments partnered up.

WKN 4 Melega2 :28

Melega appeared as a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show live from our downtown Shelbyville Studios.

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Economic development	10/4/17	9:42 am	1 min, 15 secs	Big Weekend to Have Impact on Taylorville, Christian County Economies
Economic development	10/10/17	11:42 am	1 min, 15 secs	Cricket Wireless Opens Taylorville Location
Economic development	10/20/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 35 secs	Stewardson Gets a New Horse Arena
Economic development	11/9/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 45 secs	CCEDC Says Proposed Taylorville Power Plant Project on Track
Economic development	12/11/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 35 secs	Taylorville Industrial Park Creeping Closer to Becoming a Reality

With the Luke Bryan concert north of Edinburg Friday night, and Chillifest in Taylorville Saturday and Sunday, the city and Christian County are in for a big economic weekend. About 15,000 people are expected to attend both the concert and Chillifest this weekend.

Taylorville mayor Bruce Barry says he hopes people from out of town see these events going on and make a weekend of it in Christian County.

WED T BarryBigWknd1 :22

Barry says a lot of money will be pumped into Christian County and the surrounding area this weekend.

WED Y BarryBigWknd2 :17

Barry encourages everyone to get out and enjoy these events going on this weekend.

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Cricket Wireless is coming to Taylorville. The cell phone company has opened its first Taylorville location at 1528 West Springfield Road near Walmart.

Clint Hargrave is an Indirect Sales Executive for Cricket Wireless. He says a number of factors brought Cricket to Taylorville, with the biggest being the demand for their service in the area.

TUES E HargraveCricket1 :18

Hargrave says there are multiple benefits that Cricket provides that the competition does not.

TUES R HargraveCricket2 :21

The Taylorville location will have a grand opening on Saturday, where they will have great specials and fun for the whole family. Hargrave invites everyone to come by and check out their newest location on Saturday.

For the first time in over 20 years, Stewardson is once again home to a horse arena. The arena held its first event on August 27th, and the owners of the facility have big plans for its future.

Erika Corbin is a co-owner of the Tom Vonderheide Arena in Stewardson. She says the facility is named after the father of her other co-owner Doug Vonderheide, who was a well-known figure in the community.

FRI T CorbinArena1 :19

Corbin says they already are planning big events to come to the arena next year.

FRI Y CorbinArena2 :29

Corbin says bringing a horse arena back to Stewardson will bring people and dollars back to the community. She says the local Lion's Club is building a concession stand for their events plus other events to come to arena, and that should be completed for next year.

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The Christian County Economic Development Corporation is continuing to work on bringing new business into Christian County, and one of the projects the group has been working on is a proposed natural gas production facility that would be located in Taylorville. The company that would build the plant seems to be moving forward with a plant in Pawnee, but according to the CCEDC, that plant doesn't necessarily affect the proposed Taylorville Plant.

Mary Renner with the CCEDC appeared as a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show says the company that would build the plants has plans for two separate projects.

THU 1 PowerPlant1 :22

Renner says Enermax, the company that would build the plant, is currently working with the city of Taylorville on possibly bringing the plant to the city.

THU 2 PowerPlant2 :34

Renner says if the Enermax plant is built, it would bring roughly 20-35 high paying jobs to Taylorville.

The industrial park on the northwest side of Taylorville is a few hurdles away from becoming a reality. Last week, the Taylorville Development Association received a 10-thousand dollar donation towards the project from Shelby Electric Cooperative and Co-Bank. They have also recently re-submitted their application for a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to build the necessary infrastructure to bring the industrial park to life.

Ken Hart is the President of the Taylorville Development Association. He says they could hear back from the E-D-A at any time.

MON E HartIndustry1 :15

Hart says if the infrastructure can be built, he is confident that companies will bring industry and jobs to the community.

MON R HartIndustry2 :31

The Taylorville Development Association already has over 500-thousand dollars towards the necessary infrastructure, and the EDA grant would match the funds raised locally. The work would cost about 1-point-2 million dollars.

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Education	10/11/17	11:42 am	1 min, 45 secs	Lake Land College Freezes Tuition Rates for Spring Semester
Education	10/16/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 55 secs	THS Seeing Big Results from New Freshmen Success Program
Education	11/14/17	9:42 pm	2 mins	2018 Tax Levy Presented at Taylorville School Board Meeting
Education	11/30/17	9:42 pm	2 min, 35 secs	Local School Districts in Need of Substitute Teachers

The Taylorville School District reviewed its annual audit at Tuesday night's school board meeting. While there was a mixed bag of news from the audit, most of the news was positive.

Overall, the district spent about 230-thousand dollars more than it brought in. The district was also given a preliminary financial score of 3.45 which would put the district in the "Financial Review" category. Taylorville Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau explains what the score means and says that the problem wasn't the district's spending, it was its financial sources.

WED E Fuerstenau10101 :27

The district's per operating expense per pupil for fiscal year 2017 was just under 77-hundred dollars per student. The state average is over 13-thousand dollars per student, meaning Taylorville spends a little more than half the money per student as the average school district. Fuerstenau says with the tax referendum passed and more state funds coming, the district will be able to budget for the next fiscal year with much more reliable revenue numbers.

WED R Fuerstenau10102 :34

Fuerstenau expects to know how much new state revenue the district will receive by the next scheduled board meeting scheduled for November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Taylorville School District Administration Building.

Lake Land Community College has announced that it will freeze tuition rates for the 2018 spring semester. The recommendation was approved at its regular board meeting on Monday.

Lake Land College President Dr. Josh Bullock says it is the college's job to keep education affordable for area residents.

WED Q BullockTuition1 :32

Tuitions and fees for one semester at Lake Land College averages about 19-hundred dollars, which does include textbook rental. Bullock says in today's society, people need to go beyond their high school education to find a life-long career.

WED W BullockTuition2 :34

Bullock says there are many careers out there that only require 2-year degrees, and that people need to find their passion is so they can align their education with that passion.

Taylorville High School has put a heavy emphasis and time investment on helping this year's freshmen with the transition to high school, and that investment is paying big dividends. Freshmen at THS have the highest attendance rate school-wide at 96-percent, and 92-percent of the class is passing all of their coursework.

Taylorville superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says he's very pleased with the results of the freshmen success program so far.

MON	E	FuerstenauFreshmen1	:34
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Fuerstenau says the time with these freshmen gives the teachers better ability to identify how to teach each student.

MON	R	FuerstenauFreshmen2	:36
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The freshmen success program consists of 12 advisory classes the freshmen attend each day. In these classes, kids can do homework and make up work, and teachers also talk with students about the best ways to succeed and enjoy their four years of high school.

It's been known that the Taylorville School District's funding picture was bright for a few months, but the Taylorville School Board got to see the first estimates for incoming property tax money when the 2018 property tax levy was presented at Monday night's meeting.

The district, which took in just under 10 million dollars in 2016, is projecting to receive almost 11-point-8 million dollars this coming year. The new money will come from the referendum passed in the spring.

Taylorville School District Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says multiple factors have come together to make the district's funding picture the best they could have hoped for.

TUES E DrFFunding1 :36

Fuerstenau thanks the residents of the district for approving the referendum, which alone will provide the district with about 2-point-8 million more dollars in annual funding.

TUES R DrFFunding2 :22

The board will find out how much the district will actually receive in 2018 property tax money in the spring. There will be a truth in taxation hearing prior to the next board meeting to be held on Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the district administration building.

Education has been a key issue in Illinois over the past year, and now school districts are in need of what can be called an “unsung hero” of a child’s education, substitute teachers.

Pana School District Superintendent Jason Bauer previously worked as superintendent in the Donovan School District near the Indiana border. He says he knows the struggle for educators.

THURS Q BauerSubs1 :39

Central A&M School District Superintendent Dr. DeAnn Heck says it is important for students to be able to learn from substitute teachers because it helps the kids to build relationships and continue their education while the regular classroom teacher is out.

THURS W HeckSubs1 :35

Bauer agrees with Heck on the importance of a substitute teacher, saying the less disruptions of educating kids there are, the better.

THURS E BauerSubs2 :27

For those interested in becoming a substitute teacher, the Regional Office of Education Number Three will be holding a free informational meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. on December 12 at Lincoln Land Community College’s Taylorville campus in room 1207.

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Health	10/11/17	11:42 am	1 min, 50 secs	PCH to Host Children's Health Fair
Health	11/7/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 55 secs	PCH, Faith in Action Teaming Up to Hold Festival of Trees Auction
Health	11/24/17	9:42 pm	2 mins	Volunteers Desperately Needed for Moweaqua Community Ambulance Service
Health	12/7/17	9:42 pm	1 min, 40 secs	TMH Recognized Nationally for Quality of Healthcare Provided

Taylorville Memorial Hospital's Diabetes Self-Management classes traditionally held on Tuesdays is being moved to Saturdays this month. The classes will be held on Saturday, October 14th and 28th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 457 at the hospital.

TMH Clinical Dietitian Janelle Cornell says the class was moved to accommodate for a prospective student.

TUES T CornellSaturdays1 :33

Cornell says the class provides those newly diagnosed with the disease a wealth of information for how to live with diabetes, and it can also provide as a refresher course for those currently living with it.

TUES Y CornellSaturdays2 :39

Cornell says those interested in taking this month's course need to contact her as soon as possible. You can get her phone number and email at this story at Taylorville Daily News dot com.

Pana Community Hospital will host its 14th annual Children's Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, October 21st. The free event will run from 9 a.m. until noon at Pana Junior High School.

The hospital's marketing manager Melissa Rybolt noted the location change from previous events. The fair is normally held at Pana High School, but with homecoming falling on that weekend, the fair was moved to the junior high school. She says each booth will have a game for kids to play and learn about health and safety hazards.

WED Q RyboltFair1 :21

Rybolt says there will be a special guest for the kids to come and see.

WED W RyboltFair2 :26

Rybolt says they hold the fair to try and educate the public to prevent accidents.

WED E RyboltFair3 :17

Rybolt says all kids in attendance will be eligible for a grand prize provided by First National Bank.

The Pana Community Hospital Foundation, Quad County Home Healthcare, and the Faith in Action organizations are teaming up this year to once again hold the Festival of Trees fund-raising Auction, taking place from November 6th until the 16th. Money raised from the auction will go towards the Pana Community Hospital building project, as well as Faith in Action.

Carol Chandler with Quad County Home Health says one change made for this year's auction is that this year the bidding will be done online.

TUE 3 Trees1 :29

Chandler says a working relationship between the various organizations involved in the auction led to the partnership for the event.

TUE 4 Trees2 :36

You can place bids for the Festival of Trees Auction at PriceAuction.com, and the bidding will end on November 16th at 6pm.

Chandler as well as Kim Rodgers with the Pana Community Hospital Foundation appeared as a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show.

Moweaqua Community Ambulance Service could close for good without more volunteers to keep the service running. The service's coordinator says if it were to close, those in Moweaqua may have to wait up to 40 minutes for an ambulance in an emergency.

Brookie Spa is the EMT Coordinator with Moweaqua Community Ambulance Service. She says first responders can only do so much.

FRI	KEY?	SpaMoweaqua1	:30
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Spa says the service has hired outside EMTs to staff the service, but that the payroll costs are quickly depleting their funds. She says although volunteers are desperately needed, they also may need money to make it until a new crop of volunteers can start serving.

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Donations to Moweaqua Community Ambulance Service are tax-deductible because the organization is a not-for-profit. You can find out where to mail any donations at this story at Taylorville Daily News dot com.

Taylorville Memorial Hospital has been recognized for overall excellence in quality healthcare. The hospital was recognized for its performance being in the top 25 percent of rural hospitals according to the Chartis Center for Rural Health, iVantage Health Analytics, and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health.

Donna Podeschi (chi = ski) is the Director of Quality Management at T-M-H. She says the recognition shows that the hospital is one of the best rural hospitals in America at producing good outcomes for patients.

THURS E PodeschiQuality1 :35

Podeschi says area residents deserve the best care that the hospital can provide.

THURS R PodeschiQuality2 :23

The rankings are determined each year using iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index. That index keeps track of performance metrics for all rural and critical access hospitals.