

**Quarterly Issues Report For
WMKR (FM) Pana**

10/1/12 – 12/31/12

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County Gov't	10/3/12	6:21am	1:30	Christian County Senior Center
County Gov't	10/16/12	10:22am	1:30	Christian County Board Meeting
County Gov't	11/7/12	12:21pm	1:30	Christian County Public Transit
County Gov't	11/17/12	2:21pm	1:00	Christian County Sheriff
County Gov't	12/5/12	4:22pm	1:00	Christian County 4H

A public transportation system is being considered for Taylorville. Jerry Mahr of the Christian County Senior Citizens Center says they will be a big part of it.

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The center already provides hundreds of rides each month to local senior citizens.

The Christian County Board met last evening and one important issue brought up at the meeting was a new revision of the liquor ordinance.

Christian County Board Chairman Paul Schmitz explained why a revision was needed on that license.

[audio:PaulSchmitzliquorrevision.mp3]comment here[/audio]

That revision of the ordinance passed unanimously at the meeting.

Another topic brought up at the meeting was the approval of the AFSCME contract by the board. Schmitz says that he had to abstain because of his daughter's involvement with AFSCME from the vote, although he believes it to be a good deal for both sides.

[audio:PaulSchmitzAFSCMEAbstension.mp3]comment here[/audio]

That motion passed with two abstentions and one no vote by Chad Michel.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the grant money not given to the county by the Illinois Terrorism Task force for a narrowband radio upgrade at the highway department.

The county said that there will be quotes brought up for this upgrade at the next meeting as the equipment needs to be installed by January of 2013.

The next Christian County Board Meeting will be on November 20th.

Plans are in the works for a public transit system for Christian County, and all indications are that the Christian County Senior Citizens will be a big part of that.

Jerry Marr with the Senior Citizens says the plans have hit a bump in the road.

[audio:marrpublictransit110712.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again, that meeting takes place Thursday.

The firearm deer hunting season is underway. Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp says it's a good idea to stop and think about safety.

[audio:sheriffhuntingsafety111612.mp3]comment here[/audio]

You should also let someone know where you will be hunting in case they need to come looking for you and take a cell phone with you.

There will be another deer hunting session at the end of the month.

The technology of robotics is becoming a popular pursuit. Christian County 4H Coordinator Jodi Heberling says local 4Hers will have a chance to learn more.

[audio:4hrobotics120512.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call the Christian County Extension Office at 287-7246 to find out about 4H.

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City Government	10/15/12	10:21am	1:30	City Council
City Government	11/5/12	11:20am	1:30	Mayor Brotherton
City Government	11/15/12	1:22pm	1:30	Taylorville Xmas in Park
City Government	12/17/12	2:20pm	1:00	City Council

The investigation continues on the recent plane crash that took place in Taylorville in summer. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton says the city will eventually consider seeking reimbursement for costs incurred as a result of the accident.

[audio:mayorreimburse101112.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The accident, which claimed the life of the pilot, took place in a residential neighborhood and caused extensive damage.

The Taylorville City Council met last evening for a brief 27 minutes and many issues were discussed at the meeting.

One issue brought up at the meeting was Kincaid water rates increase to \$3.60 per 1000 gallons the maximum allowable rate.

Alderman Ernie Dorchinez of Ward III says that the reason for the increase is that the City of Taylorville is trying to make the rate even for all surrounding communities.

[audio:erniedorchinezincreasekincaidwaterrates.mp3]comment here[/audio]

That motion passed unanimously at the meeting

An ordinance discussed at the meeting was the reimbursement of sales taxes, rebate of real estate taxes, and waiver of sewer and water tapping fees as well as building permit fees for the new Larry's Service Center.

Alderman Martin Vota of Ward II says that this ordinance will be used on a case by case basis.

[audio:MartinVotaLarryBarrysWaiver.mp3]comment here[/audio]

That ordinance passed unanimously at the meeting.

There was also a proclamation made at the meeting for the Illinois Federation of Business Women by Mayor Greg Brotherton to be celebrated this week October 15th thru the 19th.

All other motions, resolutions or ordinances discussed at the meeting passed unanimously and those include:

Resolution – Permanent Sanitary Sewer Agreement with James R. Hankins at 309 E. Vine Street
Resolution – Permanent Sanitary Sewer Agreement with David L. and Gloria A. Brummer at 212 N. Walnut Street

Resolution – Taylorville Municipal Airport, Terms and Conditions of Accepting Airport Improvement Program Grants

Resolution – George Lumb Agreement (Dumpster Attendant)

Ordinance – Annexing Certain Territory to the City (Bernard A. and Jane E. Curvey –2100 S. Spesser)

Again all those matters passed unanimously.

All motions discussed in the committee reports also passed unanimously and they include:

Personnel Committee –

Motion to uphold AFSCME Grievance number 2012-4 by recommending that Superintendent Speagle bid one (1) Heavy Equipment Operator position in the Water Department and Superintendent Wiseman to bid one (1) Working Foreman position in the Street/Sewer Department as requested by the AFSCME Union

Motion to approve the proposal considered for the Fire Union Contract

Water/Environmental Committee –

Motion to authorize the annual Cathodic Protection Maintenance Agreement with Corpro Co. for the Cherokee Street, Southwest and High School Water Towers in the amount of \$1,980.00.

Motion to authorize Brotcke Well & Pump to complete repairs of the Well #2 pump and new motor for an amount not to exceed \$12,598.00

Motion to approve an Irrigation Meter Policy

Lake/Airport Committee –

Motion to direct the City Clerk to prepare an ordinance to allow the sale of approximately 20,000 cubic yards of excess silt from the Locust Creek Dredging Project at a cost of \$5.00 per cubic yard with the proceeds going back into the Lake Resource Fund and with the pickup time to be scheduled through Superintendent Jackson.

Motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare a Lease and Ordinance to lease approximately 64 acres of City owned property at the South end of the Lake by the South Fork of the Sangamon River to Rick Champley, for his use only, at \$15.00 per acre October 15, 2012 thru September 30, 2013 and \$20.00 per acre for October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014, with the stipulation that the City can break the lease any time for use for future projects with Mr. Champley being responsible for all costs'

Motion to direct the Mayor to sign the Terms and Conditions of Accepting Airport Improvement Program Grants for the Taylorville Municipal Airport

Motion regarding the dam inspection

Motion to approve the Lake/Airport Committee Minutes of October 15, 2012

Motion to approve and/or ratify payment of bills (\$139,800.14)

Again all these motions passed unanimously at the meeting. The next city council meeting is scheduled for November 5th.

On the ballot Tuesday is a referendum regarding aggregation, intended to save citizens money by purchasing power from a different electricity provider. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton says he hopes people know what is at stake.

[audio:mayorreferendum110512.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The mayor says after the elections on Tuesday he may start thinking about the municipal elections coming up in April. Mayor Brotherton says one thing that needs to be addressed is the condition of the city streets.

[audio:mayorstreets110512.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Mayor Brotherton has already announced that he will stand for reelection.

One of the biggest events of the Christmas season in Taylorville is coming up. That event is Christmas in the Park.

Bailey Hancock the Taylorville Park District Recreation Director says that the event is very important not only to the park, but is also important to the community.

[audio:baileyhancockxmasinpark1.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hancock says that Christmas in the Park continues to grow.

[audio:baileyhancockxmasinpark2.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hancock says that the park is a family friendly environment.

[audio:baileyhancockxmasinpark3.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Christmas in the Park is scheduled to start up on December 14th.

The Taylorville City Council held their last meeting of 2012 last evening and one of the first issues discussed was the S.A.F.E.R Grant given to the Taylorville Fire Department.

Alderman Shawn Burtle of Ward IV says that this grant is going to help the city.

[audio:ShawnBurtleSaferGrant.mp3]comment here[/audio]

That motion to hire two firefighters through the S.A.F.E.R Grant passed unanimously at the meeting.

A motion that was tabled at the meeting was a motion to proceed with advertising for the Working Foreman position in the Water Collection Department.

Alderman Rob Heberling of Ward II explained why this motion was tabled at the meeting.

[audio:RobHeberlingWorkingForemanPositionTabled.mp3]comment here[/audio]

That motion was tabled unanimously at the meeting.

There were three motions passed that would increase salary of city employees at the meeting: one proposed a 2.04% salary increase to police, another approved a 2% salary increase for non-bargaining personnel that would start on January 1st of 2013 and the final motion to increase salaries was to increase the Human Resource Manager's salary to a minimum of \$41,526.34 and to make it retroactive to the first pay period in November of 2012.

Heberling says that these pay increases were all budgeted by the council.

[audio:RobHeberlingIncreasesinSalaryMotions.mp3]comment here[/audio]

All of those motions passed unanimously at the meeting.

Other motions that passed at the meeting included making the annual tax levy for corporate purposes for the fiscal year commencing on May 1, 2012 and ending on April 30, 2013 for the City of Taylorville, A motion to approve promoting Mindy Durbin to the Secretary III position in the Water Collection Department and a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$133,348.11. All those motions passed unanimously at the meeting.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for January 7th of 2013.

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Econ Development	10/15/12	9:21am	1:30	GTCC Chillifest
Econ Development	11/15/12	11:20am	1:00	GTCC
Econ Development	11/25/12	1:22pm	1:45	New Business
Econ Development	12/5/12	3:21pm	1:45	GTCC

The Taylorville Movie Theater is coming back, after over a year of being out of business. The new Taylorville Theater will be coming back with some new renovations.

Mike Wiseman the owner of the Taylorville Theater says that the remodeling is moving along nicely.

[audio:mikewisemanmoviebuildingschedule.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Wiseman says that there will be plenty of changes inside of the building.

[audio:mikewisemanrenovations.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Wiseman says he is glad to bring the theater back to the community.

[audio:mikewisemanbringingtheaterbacktotville.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Wiseman says that the new equipment for showing the movies will be digital.

[audio:mikewisemannewdigitalscreen.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Wiseman has also said that the community has been very supportive of the theater coming back.

(Taylorville)--Results have been announced from Saturday's Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce Chillifest 5-K Race and Walk. The race began and ended on the southeast corner of the Taylorville square, as the kickoff to the 2012 event. There were a total of 45 participants in the 5-K race and walk.

In the womens' division, the top 3 overall winners included Anna Lowry taking first place with a time of 23 minutes 26 seconds, 2nd place Consuela France with a time of 24 minutes 41 seconds, and 3rd place was Nelle Richardson with a time of 24 minutes 52 seconds.

In the mens' division, the top 3 overall winners included Jason Pochynok who won first place with a time of 21 minutes 55 seconds, Eric Gonsales taking 2nd place with a time of 23 minutes 18 seconds, and Michael McGinnis taking 3rd place with a time of 23 minutes 43 seconds.

Just in time for the holiday season, the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce is planning another raffle. President and CEO of the Chamber Patty Hornbuckle says they are trying something different this year.

[audio:pattyaffle111612.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Patty also reminds shoppers that Taylorville Chamber gift certificates make great gifts.

The new Taylorville Cinema opened up on Friday. Mike Wiseman who owns the new cinema, says that he is glad to bring the cinema back to Taylorville.

[audio:mikewisemanbringingtheaterbacktotville.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Wiseman says that the screens at the new cinema have been overhauled.

[audio:mikewisemannewdigitalscreen.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Wiseman says there are some other renovations that customers will notice at the Taylorville Cinema.

[audio:mikewisemanrenovations.mp3]comment here[/audio]

If you want any information on the showtimes and movies for the theater go to taylorvillecinema.com.

Just in time for the holidays, the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a raffle. Chamber President and CEO Patty Hornbuckle says this year they are raffling off cash instead of a big screen television.

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Hornbuckle says the tickets are easy to obtain.

[audio:pattyaffle2120612.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call the Chamber at 824-4919. The Chamber is located on the south side of the Taylorville Square.

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Health	10/4/12	6:20am	1:30	Villas of Hollybrook
Health	10/18/12	8:20am	1:00	Breast Cancer Awareness
Health	11/6/12	9:21pm	1:30	Taylorville Memorial Hospital
Health	11/26/12	11:22pm	1:00	Pana Community Hospital
Health	12/11/12	2:21pm	1:30	Pana Community Hospital

The trend in elder care seems to be toward assisted living. Lisa Schmitz of the Villas of Hollybrook says they offer a number of services at several locations.

[audio:schmitz100412.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Schmitz says there is still some confusion about how assisted living differs from a nursing home.

[audio:schmitz2100412.mp3]comment here[/audio]

You can contact Villas of Hollybrook in Shelbyville at 774-1040.

There will be a pink rally this Friday before the Taylorville football team's Senior Night game against the Springfield Southeast Spartans.

The Taylorville High School Cheer Team will be holding the rally to raise breast cancer awareness. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

It's been several years now since the local hospital became known as Taylorville Memorial Hospital. Dan Raab, CEO of the hospital, says the process of change began nearly two decades ago.

[audio:raabhistory110712.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Eventually, Memorial took complete control, and it became Taylorville Memorial Hospital.

There will be an Angel Tree in Pana. The Pana Community Hospital Foundation's Kim Rogers explains.

[audio:rogerspchangeltree112612.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Pana Community Hospital is at 101 East 9th Street in Pana.

The Pana Community Hospital Foundation exists to raise money for the hospital. Kim Rogers of the Foundation says they are concentrating right now on raising money for three different needs.

[audio:kimrogerspch121112.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Rogers says the third need is in the hospital's cardiac telemetry unit.

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Education	10/11/12	6:20am	1:00	TJHS Student Newspaper Starts Up
Education	11/12/12	9:21am	1:30	South School Clorox Grant
Education	11/15/12	11:20pm	1:30	Dr. Fuerstenau
Education	12/10/12	1:22pm	1:00	Taylorville School Board

Taylorville Schools could be changing their grading scales. The current grading scale for the high school is from 93-100 as an A, 86-92 is a B, 77-85 is a C, 65-76 is a D and 64 and below is an F.

Superintendent of Taylorville Schools Greg Fuerstenau says that administration members and student council members gave a presentation to the curriculum committee.

[audio:FuerstenauGradingScale1.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Fuerstenau says that the current grading scale might be affecting some student's scholarship money for college.

[audio:FuerstenauGradingScale2.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Fuerstenau says that at the next school board meeting the grading scale issue will be brought up.

[audio:FuerstenauGradingScale3.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Many colleges use the proposed new scale including Lincoln Land Community College

There will be a monthly online newsletter at the Taylorville Junior High School. This will be the first newspaper started at the junior high in five years.

The newspaper idea was brought to the attention of TJHS Principal Kirk Kettelkamp and Assistant Principal Beth Vincent by 6th grader and editor of the paper Xanna Tomasello.

The first meeting of the newspaper club was on September 20th and the club will meet every Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm.

Sixth grader Brian Sklenka the Technical Adviser for the paper says that he has experience with website design.

[audio:briansklenkatechguy101212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

(Pictured left to right in the back row are: Kalab Beaman, Nick Livingston, Brian Sklenka, Carter Walton, Traci Johnson, Anna Mathias and Noah Nelson pictured in the front row left to right are Tyler Davis, Jacob Kilduff, Olivia Hadley and Riley Barker. Not pictured, but also a part of the club are Xanna Tomasello, Matt Cody, Josie Gollahon, Dylan Tipsword, Lakota Clark, Jessica Mathias, Perrie Gardner, Alea Corriveau, Valerie Donnan, Blake Beckley, Taylor McArdle, Abigail Smith, Megan Myers, Raven Rozplochowski, Cali Best, Brooke Williams, Izzy Newberry, Christopher Durbin and Jacob Boehm.)

Sklenka says that he does a lot of different things for the paper.

[audio:briansklenkatechguy1012122.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Sixth grader Rayne Miller has been working to get some donations to help the new TJHS newspaper. Miller says that she likes to interview people.

[audio:raynemillerdonationgirl101212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Miller also says that she wanted to get donations to help the club because it has been so long since there has been a junior high paper.

[audio:raynemillerdonationgirl1012122.mp3]comment here[/audio]

7th grader Noah Nelson also works for the paper in the advice column and sports column. Nelson says that he wanted to write for the newspaper because he plans on having a career in writing.

[audio:NoahNelsonadviceandsports101212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Nelson also says that the paper will cover a lot of different news stories.

[audio:NoahNelsonateam101212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The paper will be available online at the Taylorville Junior High School Website.

One Taylorville elementary school is looking for your votes to get them some big money. South School is looking to be voted on in a grant competition that could get them as much as \$50,000.

Bobbie Harker a Special Education Teacher at South School who found out about the grant says that you can vote for South School to get some money.

[audio:BobbieHarkergrant1.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Harker says that this grant could get the school some smart boards that will engage students.

[audio:BobbieHarkergrant2.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Harker says that she found out about this grant while looking at other grants.

[audio:BobbieHarkergrant3.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again that website you can vote for South School is powerabrightfuture.com/clorox then search Taylorville to find South School.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics public schools nationwide are on average 42 years old.

Taylorville Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says that the age of some Taylorville school facilities has been a topic of discussion amongst the school board.

[audio:fuerstenaufacilities1.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Fuerstenau says that some buildings may need to be consolidated in the future.

[audio:fuerstenaufacilities2.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The oldest school in the Taylorville School District is Memorial Elementary School which is over 90 years old.

The Taylorville School Board held their monthly meeting last evening and one issue discussed at the meeting has been on the docket for a long time.

That issue is the changing of the grading scale at the Taylorville High School to 10 point scales like other school districts in the area.

David Driskell the Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee says that this change will make THS students more competitive when it comes to scholarships.

[audio:DriskellGradingScaleChange.mp3]comment here[/audio]

This motion passed unanimously at the meeting 5-0. A change to the THS class rank will be discussed at a future school board meeting as well.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the County School Facility Tax. Taylorville Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says that this tax will provide some revenue to update the buildings in the district.

[audio:Fuerstenaupassingofschoolfacilitytax.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Since the Taylorville School District has more than 50% of the students in the county with the passing of this resolution the tax will automatically be voted upon in the upcoming local election.

Although Fuerstenau does say that he believes the other school districts in Christian County are going to vote on this resolution during their board meetings this month.

[audio:Fuerstenaupassingofschoolfacilitytaxotherschoolsindistrict.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again that resolution passed unanimously at the meeting and will be voted upon in the April 2013 local elections.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the West School Property and School Board and Building Committee member Seth McMillan says that even though the West School Building is not being used that does not mean it is usable.

[audio:McMillanWestSchoolFacility.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The School Board agreed to discuss the West School Property further during its retreat in January.

Other topics passed at the meeting include: a consideration of the 2012 Tax Levy, the consideration of improvement plans at THS and Memorial Elementary and the consideration of board policies. All those considerations passed unanimously at the meeting.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for January 14th of 2013.