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County Gov	10/18/23	8:00 AM	:42	County Board Oct
County Gov	11/6/23	4:22 PM	:38	Sheriff support Judge
County Gov	11/21/23	11:22 AM	:33	County Board prestory for november
County Gov	11/29/23	3:22 PM	:43	ZBA Set to meet
County Gov	12/4/23	7:00 AM	:27	CCHD Moving

RUN AS OF 10/18/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County board met on Tuesday evening to discuss business, review committee reports, and announce appointments. The meeting took place at the courthouse and all board members were present except Miranda Langen. A wonderful donation from Jeff and Patricia Webb was presented to the board by Judge Ron Spears concerning a new portrait of Abraham Lincoln taken by George Peter Alexander or GPA Healy. After much discussion, the board recommended the changes concerning how salaries would be given out for year one and subsequent years after. They also agreed to talk about more in the future concerning how salaries were paid out. Sharp also says that they are aware of the Ameren Remediation Site and are working to get answers. The next county board meeting is Tuesday, November 21st, 2023.

RUN AS OF 11/6/23

AFTER 6AM

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County Sheriffs representing the counties in the Illinois Fourth Judicial Circuit have endorsed Associate Judge Douglas Gruenke in his election bid for At-Large Circuit Judge. The Sheriffs gathered at the Fayette County Courthouse to show their support. The vacancy in the position is a result of Justice Michael McHaney's election to the Illinois Appellate Court. Judge Gruenke's legal career has spanned more than 21 years, which includes serving in his current role as Associate Judge, and his former roles as Clinton County State's Attorney and as an attorney in private practice. The Primary Election in March 19, 2024. The Illinois Fourth Judicial Circuit is comprised of Christian, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery and Shelby Counties.

RUN AS OF 11/21/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County Board is set to meet for their regular monthly board meeting this evening at 6:30 PM. After approval of minutes and public comments, the board will recognize the FFA, and hear from the ZBA. There will be a review of a sale of delinquent tax property in Assumption, and an amendment for a special use permit for Skyline Solar. Under new business, there will be an estimate for tuck-pointing, 2024 County Board meeting dates, and any other matters that get properly brought before the board. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more following the conclusion of the event.

RUN AS OF 11/29/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County Zoning Board of Appeals is set to meet on Wednesday, November 29th, for a public hearing. The meeting will take place in the County Board Meeting Room, on the second floor of the Christian County Courthouse. The ZBA will approve or deny a zoning special use application from Sangchris Energy Center for the approval of construction of a stand-alone battery energy storage system at the corner of County Road 1400 North and County Road 150 East in South Fork Township. All rezoning, variance requests, special use applications, and text amendments to the Christian County Zoning Code are available for inspection upon request in the Christian County Zoning Office located at 214 Market Street, Taylorville.

RUN AS OF 12/4/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

There will be a new Christian County Health Department location. The County Health Board voted to close the current building on the 15th and the Health Department will move to the old mental health association building which is 730 North Pawnee Street near the Junior High School. Dr. Chad Anderson, Public Health Administrator, says that they will try to keep operations as smooth as possible and are looking to hold a grand opening when things get opened later this month. For more information on the Christian County Health Department and their move, call (217) 824-4113 or visit their website.

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City Govt	11/7/23	11:22 AM	:43	City Council Nov 1
City Govt	11/20/23	3:22 PM	:36	Nov Prestory 2
City Govt	12/5/23	7:00 AM	:40	Dec Council 1

RUN AS OF 10/2/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Taylorville Junior High Baseball team, Trick or Treat Hours will be approved, and a motion to limit the number of video gaming liquor licenses to the current number of forty are the big keys of topic for the Taylorville City Council on Monday evening at the Municipal Building at 7 PM. There is a motion under ordinance to limit the number of video gaming liquor licenses to the current number of forty, with additional video gaming liquor licenses to be added only upon council approval. The council will also look to approve Fall Cleanup Day for November 4th, 2023. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for an update following the conclusion of the Taylorville City Council Meeting Monday night.

RUN AS OF 10/4/23

AFTER 5PM

LK

After a social media post went viral concerning work being done by Ameren near Manners Park, Regional Radio News spoke with the Site Manager, David Palmer, to do the “dig down” on what was taking place for the remediation project. Palmer says work being done at the project site is a pilot test to evaluate the soil. For more information on the remediation project, contact Brian Bretsch at Ameren at 618-343-8087 . You can also reach out to Brad Frost at the EPA at 217-782-7027 or email him at brad.frost@illinois.gov, and there is a site sheet located on site. You can also visit <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/community-relations/sites/cips-taylorville.html>.

RUN AS OF 11/7/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Taylorville City Council met on Monday evening to discuss business, approve ordinance, and review committee reports. All Aldermen were present except Jeremy Brown. After approval of minutes, the council tabled a motion limiting the number of liquor licenses with video gaming as Aldermen Chris Skultety asked to hold until all Aldermen were present. City Clerk Julie Lilly announced her resignation. Lilly has been the City Clerk since 2017. Mayor Bruce Barry read the resignation letter.

As of this writing, the Council went into closed session to discuss negotiating matters between the city and the respective departments including AFSCME, Fire, and police. Regional Radio News is awaiting confirmation of the details from that meeting should a vote come out from it.

RUN AS OF 11/20/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Taylorville City Council will meet tonight for their last regular meeting in November. The FFA will be recognized for their outstanding performances at Nationals. After review of omnibus minutes, the council will review ordinances. Among the ordinances discussed will be limiting the number of liquor licenses, increasing fees for cigarette and tobacco dealer's licenses, adding stop signs at Knute Rockne Drive and Western Avenue, and approving some BDD agreements. The council will look at a resolution adding a new vehicle to Exhibit A of Master Lease Agreement with the Taylorville Fire Department. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more following the conclusion of this meeting.

RUN AS OF 12/5/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Taylorville City Council met Monday evening for their first December meeting and recognized the Taylorville 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team. December 4th was named 7th Grade Girls Basketball Day in Taylorville. Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry praised the girls and their head coach Max Wilson for having a great season at 21-7.

Ordinances approved included the annual abatement ordinance, an ordinance to approve the purchase of personal property including a tractor, deck, and mulch kit, an ordinance to approve the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for Taylorville, and adding rules for remote meetings. The Council went into closed session to discuss salaries and a lawsuit between Julie Lilly and Police Chief Dwayne Wheeler concerning an incident that took place September 27th. The next City Council meeting is set for December 18th.

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Economic Development	10/9/23	8:00 AM	:33	Scarecrow Daze
Economic Development	10/12/23	4:22 PM	:37	Navigator withdraws
Economic Development	11/16/23	11:22 AM	:41	Food prices rising but not Thanksgiving
Economic Development	11/25/23	3:22 PM	:45	Angel tree program
Economic Development	12/4/23	7:00 AM	:38	Morrisonville Christmas

RUN AS OF 10/9/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Scarecrow Daze took place on Saturday and it started with a parade in the morning that wrapped through the city streets of Shelbyville before commencing with an event downtown with festivities including food vendors, a dance studio production, and artists' Jake Cutler and Evan Matlock. There was also a cutest dog contest and kid center fun. Vonda McConnell who runs Mo-mo's Fro Yo talked a little about Shelbyville and how much the city has grown. Scarecrow Daze took place directly after the parade on Saturday from 10 AM until 3 PM.

RUN AS OF 10/12/23

AFTER NOON

LK

Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC has withdrawn its application for a CO2 pipeline that would have covered parts of Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. The pipeline would have stretched more than 1,300 miles across the five states and Navigator CO2, withdrew the motion on Tuesday in front of the Illinois Commerce Commission. They intend to refile at a later date, depending on an evaluation on what the best plan is moving forward. Owen MacBride, is the attorney filing on behalf of Navigator Heartland Greenway. Illinois is not the only setback that Navigator Heartland Greenway has had, after South Dakota rejected their requests for a pipeline. They also withdrew their plans in Iowa. The original plans would have had the pipeline depositing CO2 deep in the earth in sites in Montgomery and Christian County.

RUN AS OF 11/16/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Food prices are getting higher and higher, but according to a American Farm Bureau Thanksgiving Cost Survey, the average cost of a traditional Thanksgiving meal is actually down slightly compared to 2022. IFB volunteer shoppers reported to a state-wide average price of \$63.87 for a classic holiday feast for 10, or around \$6.39 per person. This reflects a 2.5% decrease over last year's average of \$65.53. AFBF or American Farm Bureau Federation reported a national average of \$61.17 or less than \$6.20 per person, for a classic holiday feast for 10 which is a 4.5% decrease from last year's record of \$64.05. Thanksgiving meals are still 25% higher than it was in 2019, highlighting how much high supply costs and inflation have touched the market.

RUN AS OF 11/25/23 AFTER 6AM LK

The Taylorville Fire Department is looking for help with donations toward the Angel Tree Program that brings joy and happiness to children during the holiday season. Registration days for those who need it have been set as November 29th from 2-6 PM and December 3rd from 1-5 PM. The program is set up for the Taylorville Firefighters to help raise money for kids and their families who have financial difficulties to celebrate Christmas. A photo ID with your address will be required to register. Participants must reside in Taylorville Fire Protection District. Age limits are 0-14 years old. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Zepin and Cody Rogers at the firehouse at 824-2295.

RUN AS OF 12/4/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Morrisonville Old Fashioned Christmas took place Saturday from 9 AM until 2 PM. There were vendors at various locations, a parade, Santa Claus, covered wagon rides, and more. Genuine Country 94.3 WMKR was live at Sloan Furniture to talk to some of the people that were taking place in the festivities. Zarah Guzman, Miss Morrisonville and Emma Grande Junior Miss Morrisonville, stopped by to say hi and they both were excited about Christmas and what it means to Morrisonville. Rita Sloan with Sloan's Furniture says that Christmas is such a special time of year. The Morrisonville Old Fashioned Christmas took place from 9 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, December 2nd.

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Education	10/10/23	8:00 AM	:43	Blood Drives
Education	10/17/23	4:22 PM	:30	Slow cooker meals
Education	11/3/23	11:22 AM	:35	Clocks back
Education	11/30/23	3:22 PM	:38	Grain bin rescue
Education	12/2/23	7:00 AM	:29	Impaired driving

RUN AS OF 10/10/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

There are some blood drives approaching that the Red Cross is making the public aware of in Taylorville, Edinburg, and Morrisonville. All of these blood drives are in connection with ImpactLife. Edinburg High School will host a community blood drive from 1-5 on Monday, October 23rd, at 100 East Martin Street, inside Donor Bus. In Taylorville, the blood drive will be from 11 AM until 6 PM on Thursday, October 26th at the Christian County Extension Office, inside the Auditorium. In Morrisonville, the blood drive will be from 2 PM until 7 PM on Wednesday, October 25th at 109 SE 5th Street, Inside Fellowship Hall at Morrisonville UMC. ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 125 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin.

RUN AS OF 10/17/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

If you have an old slow cooker that you haven't used in a while, now is a good time to dust it off and bring it upstairs. Crockpot introduced the slowcooker in the 1970s and the University of Illinois is giving some tips on how to use your slow cooker. First things first test to see if your slow cooker still works. Do that by filling it with 1/2-2/3rds of water put the lid on it and turn the dial to low for eight hours. After eight hours if the water temperature reads below 185 degrees it is time to replace it. Find out more by visiting extension.illinois.edu/food or call your local extension office.

RUN AS OF 11/3/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Sunday morning at 2 AM, Regional Radio News is reminding our listeners to not forget to turn your clocks back as daylight saving time comes to an end. It's also a good time to test, inspect, and replace any broken or expired smoke and CO alarms at the same time. Smoke alarms only have a life span of ten years before they need to be replaced and if your alarm was manufactured before October of 2013, you should replace it with a ten year-sealed battery device. The National Fire Protection Association reports that between 2014 and 2018, almost three out of every five home fire deaths in the US resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms. More tips on fire escape planning can be found by visiting <https://www.nfpa.org/>

RUN AS OF 11/30/23 AFTER 6AM LK

There will be a grain bin rescue awareness class taught by the Taylorville Fire Department on January 20th, 2024. The class is free and open to the public. The class will run from 8 AM until 2 PM. The course is set to educate students about grain storage facility types, and how they are constructed and how they operate. Upon completion of the course, takers of the class will be able to function as a support member to a rescue team that can conduct rescue operations at a grain storage facility. Students of the class are encouraged to bring turn out gear, helmet, gloves, eye protection, ear protection, and steel toed shoes. Make sure to click the link on this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com to register for the class.

RUN AS OF 12/2/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. With two major holidays and many people traveling, December can be a deadly month for drunk driving. The intention of National Impaired Driving Prevention Month is to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. Impaired driving refers to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances that can restrict a person's ability to drive. Don't drive impaired—choose a safe option such as a designated driver, rideshare, taxi, or public transportation.

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Healthcare	11/7/23	4:22 PM	:33	Health Grants
Healthcare	11/10/23	11:22 AM	:26	Personal Hygiene Drive
Healthcare	11/14/23	3:22 PM	:39	Jet Lag
Healthcare	11/24/23	7:00 AM	:34	Colleague of the month November

RUN AS OF 10/16/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced that although COVID hospitalizations are at a low level across the state, Illinoisans should go ahead and start to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus and other respiratory illnesses. According to the CDC, all Illinois counties are currently at a low level for COVID-19 hospitalizations and the total number of hospitalizations for the week was at 566 across the state down almost 14 percent. As fall begins, IDPH will continue to monitor the data. They are also looking at other respiratory illnesses including flu and RSV. Find additional Information at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html>. You can also visit www.covid.gov.

RUN AS OF 11/7/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health announced last week that the State of Illinois has awarded \$3.5 million in funding to 19 different applicants including Christian County to support post-pandemic child and adolescent health. The size of grants ranged from \$92,000 to \$200,000. Christian County received \$200,000. Macoupin County also received \$200,000. Governor Pritzker says with the last few years being difficult, the state of Illinois is stepping up to help the youth and provide support to school-based programs and local agencies. The funding opportunity was overseen by the IDPH's Office of Women's Health and Family Services. More than 50% of the applicants for the funding opportunity received funding.

RUN AS OF 11/10/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Taylorville Memorial Hospital Nursing Enrichment team took part in a personal hygiene drive as part of a Halloween Trunk or Treat to benefit clients for Dinner Seasoned with Love. Over one hundred kids and their families came out to the Trunk or Treat and donated items including toothbrushes, toothpaste, face wash, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, razors, deodorant, hair products, and feminine hygiene items. Dinner Seasoned with Love nourishes the hungry with a free hot meal on the third Saturday of each month. Anyone can join the table during mealtime with no questions asked. The donated personal hygiene items will be distributed to parents and guardians at the December dinner.

RUN AS OF 11/14/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

With more and more people traveling again, the time for flights and long trips are also getting popular. Unfortunately, with long travel comes something that also plagues travelers, jet lag. Jet lag is a condition which is called circadian rhythm disruption. Circadian Rhythm is based on sleep cycle, day and night, and other factors. The body tends to rest when the sun is down and be more active when the sun is up. If you are flying from the US eastward like to Europe or Asia, you lose time. Most flights from the US heading east take off at night when the sun is down, that way when you arrive it's almost daytime. Find out more information by visiting this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com

RUN AS OF 11/24/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Taylorville Memorial Hospital has announced their November Colleague of the Month. Karen Christian, housekeeping aide with Environmental Services, is the nonprofit hospital's colleague of the month. Patients appreciate The hospital says that Christian's friendly demeanor when she cleans rooms and taking the time to talk with and assist those who need it is what separates her from others. Her nominator says that Karen cares about the work she does and always tries to do the best job she can. Christian has worked for TMH since 2013.