

**Quarterly Issues/Programs
List**

**For
WMKR (FM) 94.3 Pana, IL**

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City government	07/11/17	9:22 am	1 min; 15 secs	Taylorville City Council Approves 3% Raise for AFSCME Workers
City government	07/12/17	11:22 am	2 mins	Pana City Council Withholds \$25k For Bike Trail Work
City government	08/22/17	9:22 pm	3 mins	Computer System Agreement, City Spending Questions Come Out of Taylorville City Council Mtg.
City government	09/01/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 20 secs	Taylorville Breaks Ground on New Water Treatment Plant
City government	09/07/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 10 secs	Shelbyville City Council Appoints New Deputy City Clerk

The Taylorville Street and Sewer Department workers will see a three percent in their next paycheck after a city council vote at Monday night's special city council meeting. The board voted 6-0 to give the AFSCME Council 31 Local 3349 the three percent raise in 2017.

Taylorville mayor Bruce Barry says the raise is retroactive and this ends negotiations with the union for the time being.

TUES E BarryAFSCME1 :08

Barry says he's pleased that both sides have a resolution in this matter for now, and that he hopes other negotiations can start to get settled.

TUES R BarryAFSCME2 :14

Also discussed at Monday's meeting was a mathematical error made in the city's appropriations for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The error was an over-calculation and has been corrected. A public hearing will be scheduled for prior to the next city council meeting so residents can view the city's appropriations for the coming year. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 7 p.m.

The city of Pana is saving for bike trail repairs and restarting a recycling program. The Pana City Council approved a motion to withhold \$25,000 from an old bike trail fund for tressel work on the Lincoln Prairie Bike Trail at Monday night's city council meeting. The recycling program, a partnership between the city of Pana and Pana Township, restarted again this week.

Pana mayor Don Kroski (Craw-ski) says that withholding the money gives the city a jumpstart for when it will be needed for the bike trail repairs.

WED T KroskiBikeTrail1 :36

With the recycling program, Kroski says the county used to run the program, but it was cut because of the cost to run the program. So the city and the township formed a partnership to bring it back.

WED Y KroskiBikeTrail2 :28

Other action items at Monday night's meeting included the hiring of a part-time zoning and code officer at the Pana Ordinance Office, and the approval of a contract with Benton and Associates for spillway and water operations at Pana Lake.

The Taylorville City Council took action to prevent future computer system crashes at Monday night's city council meeting. That was one of the many action items and purchases approved at the meeting held at the Taylorville Municipal Building.

Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry says after the computer system crash at the City Clerk and City Treasurer's office last month, the city wants to prevent another crash in the future.

TUES U BarryWeird1 :19

Barry says the city wants to keep this business locally, and the city is still negotiating a final monthly price with CTI.

TUES I BarryWeird2 :12

In addition, there were some questions about two recent city financial commitments. Alderman Martin Vota questioned the need to give \$5,000 to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce for Chillifest, along with the purchase of a pre-owned truck for the street department. Barry says for Chillifest, the hotel tax fund's money should go towards one of the biggest hotel tax money generators each year.

TUES O BarryWeird3 :35

For the truck purchase, Barry says it would have cost the city four times as much to buy new.

TUES P BarryWeird4 :38

Other items at Monday's meeting included passing an ordinance allowing golf carts to be driven on Taylorville city streets, along with honoring Alivia Kent, a Taylorville girl who recently won a national championship in gymnastics. The next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 7 p.m. at the Taylorville Municipal Building. The meeting will be pushed back one day because of the Labor Day holiday.

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Many local leaders gathered Friday morning for the groundbreaking of Taylorville's new \$25 million water treatment plant. The plant will replace the current plant that was built in 1951.

Taylorville Water Superintendent David Speagle says the plant will be the second in the country to use biotta to treat the city's water.

WKND Y WisemanWaterPlant1 :23

Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry says there are plenty of people before him that helped to make this plant a reality.

WKND U BarryWaterPlant1 :25

The plant is expected to be completed in January of 2019.

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The Shelbyville City Council appointed Rachel Wallace to be the city's new Deputy City Clerk at Tuesday night's city council meeting. Wallace is a familiar face to those in the community and at city hall, as she has lived and worked in Shelbyville for many years.

Shelbyville City Clerk Carrie Jones says Wallace has experience working with the city.

THURS E JonesWallace1 :22

Wallace will replace Becky Pierson who Jones says is retiring from the position.

THURS R JonesWallace2 :14

Wallace will take office on October 2nd.

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County government	07/19/17	11:22 am	2 min; 5 secs	Small Budget Moves Discussed, Linton Resigns at Christian County Board Meeting
County government	08/11/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 55 secs	Christian County Courts Starting to Use Video Court Appearances
County government	08/16/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 25 secs	Venise McWard Sworn in to Christian County Board
County government	09/25/17	9:22 pm	2 mins; 10 secs	Christian County Health Department in Financial Crisis Because of Illinois' Bill Backlog

As governing bodies across the state continue in a holding pattern while they wait on Illinois lawmakers to pass a budget, one Christian County agency is running out of money to function. Although the Christian County Health Department has received some grant money to extend its budget, Christian County Public Health Administrator Nancy Martin says the department will be out of money in three to four months.

Martin says the department would avoid a complete shutdown at all costs.

WED O MartinBudget1 :15

Martin says every health department across the state is having to deal with the same budget issues. She says other departments have made some changes that she hopes the Christian County Health Department won't have to make.

WED P MartinBudget2 :25

Martin says for now, it is just a game of wait-and-see, like most state funded agencies are doing right now as they wait to see if the budget bills become law.

In a quick Christian County Board meeting Tuesday night, it was mainly housekeeping items on the agenda at the meeting. But one Christian County Board member turned in her resignation letter Tuesday.

The board voted to take 10 health insurance benefits out of department budgets and put into the general funds to help the county's budget deficit. The county has 10 employees that don't take the county's health benefits, which allows the board to put this money there. District 4 Board Member Becky Edwards says this action doesn't mean a department can't hire a new employee that would require health insurance benefits.

WED T EdwardsMeeting1 :29

The board also voted to accept the resignation of District 1 Board Member Ashley Linton. Linton still lives in the county, but has moved out of her district, and moving out of the district meant Linton had to resign. Linton says even with her move, she hasn't lost her passion to help and serve others.

WED Y LintonMeeting1 :24

Linton wants to thank all of her constituents for their support through her time in office. She did not rule out a possible run for a county board seat in 2018, but as she said, she is going to take a break from politics for the time being.

The Christian County Court System and Christian County Sheriff's Office are working together to incorporate video teleconferencing in for some criminal court appearances. The system was tested for the first time during court proceedings on Wednesday.

Christian County Resident Circuit Judge Brad Paisley played a big role in putting the system in place. He says video court appearances have been in the works since the beginning of the year, and there is no cost to the Christian County taxpayers for implementing the service.

WKND E PaisleyVideo1 :25

Paisley says the use of video will save some Sheriff's Department manpower needed to transport those people from the jail to the courthouse. There are also safety issues that can be resolved through video court appearances.

WKND R PaisleyVideo2 :39

Paisley says defendants have the right to be in court for certain types of appearances, but he hopes when the video system can be used, it will streamline court proceedings.

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Economic development	07/04/17	9:22 am	2 mins; 5 secs	CTI Announces Service Expansion to Hillsboro
Economic development	07/18/17	11:22 am	1 min; 30 secs	New, Upgraded Casey's Coming to Morrisonville
Economic development	08/10/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 55 secs	New Recycling Center Opens in Taylorville
Economic development	09/08/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 20 secs	Two New Businesses Join Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce
Economic development	09/08/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 45 secs	Convenience The Goal for New Sunkist Cleaners Owners

CTI is wrapping up its projects to offer its services to all residents of Taylorville, but once it is done, the company isn't going to stop there. The company recently announced plans to expand its services into Montgomery County and provide cable, internet, and television services for residents of Hillsboro.

CTI President Billy Williams says the company has been looking at where to expand to for at least six months. He says he has had previous conversations with Hillsboro area leaders, and that the timing was right.

TUES Q WilliamsHillsboro1 :31

He says once service to Taylorville is finished, CTI will start building towards Hillsboro, which includes serving the business district of another local community.

TUES W WilliamsHillsboro2 :39

Williams says all of CTI's services will be available for Hillsboro residents once they are ready to serve customers there, including CTI's gigabit-speed internet service. He says Taylorville is currently one of six cities in Illinois with gigabit-speed internet service, and expanding to Hillsboro would make it the seventh city in the state with the service.

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If you have driven through Morrisonville recently, you may have noticed the construction on Route 48 on the northeast side of town. That is going to be the location of the new Casey's General Store in the village.

Morrisonville mayor Larry Tolliver says Casey's has been looking to upgrade their location in Morrisonville for a while.

WED Q TolliverCaseys2 :14

Tolliver says the growth in traffic through town, and the need for semis to fuel up has led to Casey's building the new location.

WED W TolliverCaseys1 :35

Tolliver says the village has not received an official date for the new Casey's to open, but he believes it will open around the end of September.

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Taylorville residents have a new option for getting rid of recyclable items. The Indoor Storage Shed is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week for those that are looking to recycle items.

Indoor Storage Shed owner Pam Moses says after the county pulled out of recycling, she wanted to help fill a hole in the community.

THURS W MosesRecycling1 :35

Moses says she hopes the hours are as convenient as possible for Taylorville residents to bring their recyclable items to the location. She says those people who are bringing items don't need to worry about the elements.

THURS E MosesRecycling2 :39

For more information on the Indoor Storage Shed, you can visit their Facebook page. We have a link to their Facebook page at this story at Taylorville Daily News dot com.

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The Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce has welcomed two new businesses to the Chamber. Schafer-Perfetti and Assalley Funeral Homes in Taylorville along with the South Fork Pub in Kincaid have both joined the Chamber.

Patty Hornbuckle, CEO of the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce says the new owner of Schafer-Perfetti and Assalley Funeral Homes has begun renovating the Taylorville location.

FRI 1 NewBusiness2 :29

The South Fork Pub in Kincaid has also joined the Taylorville Chamber, which Hornbuckle says reaches beyond the city limits of Taylorville.

FRI 2 NewBusiness1 :21

Hornbuckle appeared as a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show.

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Sunkist cleaners in Taylorville is under new ownership, as local resident Bryan Payne has purchased the business, and plans to both expand the businesses services, as well as give the business's current location a face lift.

Bryan, along with wife Kami Payne both appeared as guests on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show to discuss the accuisition, and what the plans are for the dry cleaning business moving forward. Bryan Payne says the biggest thing he wants to change with the business is bringing back the pickup and delivery services the dry cleaner once offered.

FRI 3 Sunkist1 :36

Convenience is a major part of Payne's business plan moving forward, with customers not even having to get out of their cars to drop off their cleaning needs.

FRI 4 Sunkist2 :19

Along with dry cleaning and laundry services, Sunkist Cleaners also offers clothing alteration and seamstress services, and can be found at 413 North Cheney Street in Taylorville.

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Education	07/11/17	11:22 am	2 mins; 35 secs	Taylorville School District Looks to Improve Scores Through Faculty Communication
Education	08/09/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 30 secs	Central A&M District Receives Grant for STEM Lab
Education	09/01/17	9:22 pm	2 min; 10 secs	Local School Superintendents React to Signing of School Funding Compromise Bill
Education	09/19/17	9:22 pm	1 min; 40 secs	Fall Extracurriculars Helping Students Develop in Shelbyville Schools

It has been a long time coming, but the new superintendent for Pana Community Unit School District 8 officially started work Monday. Jason Bauer was hired early in the superintendent search process, and he has been getting acclimated to the district since the beginning of 2017.

Bauer says the time between his hiring and Monday gave him many opportunities to build his understanding for the district.

TUES U BauerNewJob1 :25

Bauer says he's paying attention to what is happening in Springfield for what will happen with Pana's budget. He also is planning on sitting down with his team to come up with a strategic plan for how to improve the district.

TUES I BauerNewJob2 :21

Bauer comes to the district from Donovan Community Unit School District 3, where he was a Junior / Senior High Principal and Co-Superintendent.

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The Taylorville School District is looking at how to improve state test scores, and multiple changes were discussed at the Taylorville School Board meeting Monday night. Changes include re-writing the job description for department chairs to include more communication aspects for the roles.

With the changes to department chairs in the district also came changes to department layouts. The most changes were at Taylorville High School, where 15 departments were combined into nine departments. Taylorville Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says the district wants department heads to take more responsibility for communication amongst teachers when it comes to student achievement.

TUES T FuerstenauJuly101 :32

At the high school, there were some departments that consisted of one or two teachers. Fuerstenau says departments were combined so there could be more people in each department and more communication amongst all teachers.

TUES Y FuerstenauJuly102 :25

Fuerstenau and high school leaders also want to improve graduation rates and attendance numbers at THS. The research they've done has led them to the Freshman Success Program. He says the program is designed to help freshmen adjust to life in high school so they can succeed during their high school years.

TUES U FuerstenauJuly103 :21

The next school board meeting will be held August 14th at 7 p.m. For the full interview with Dr. Fuerstenau, you can visit this story at Taylorville Daily News dot com. For the full school board meeting video, you can visit WTIM TV's Youtube Channel.

With Governor Bruce Rauner's signature now on Senate Bill 1947, local school superintendents are reacting to the passing of school funding reform in Illinois.

Pana School District Superintendent Jason Bauer says he and his school superintendent counterparts are breathing a huge sigh of relief.

WKND I BauerFinally1 :31

Darrell Gordon, the superintendent of the Cowden-Herrick School District, says his district's plan was to borrow money if necessary, which isn't ideal.

WKND O GordonFinally1 :22

In Nokomis, superintendent Dr. Scott Doerr (Doo-err) says his district can finally plan for the future of the district, and worry about the quality of education rather than how much money will come in.

WKND P DoerrFinally1 :32

School districts are expecting to receive the August state aid payments that were allotted in the state budget now that a school funding formula has been signed into law.

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Health	08/11/17	11:22 am	2 mins, 20 secs	Pana Comm. Hospital Breaks Ground on \$20.1 Million Expansion
Health	08/21/17	9:22 pm	1 min, 45 secs	Shelby County Health Dept. Offers Low Cost Vaccine Options
Health	09/14/17	9:22 pm	1 min, 30 secs	New Pediatric Dental Program Helping to Provide Dental Care to Area Students in Need
Health	9/20/17	9:22 pm	1 min, 20 secs	Pana Comm. Hospital Swing Bed Program Allows Patients Longer Stays For Recovery

Taylorville Memorial Hospital has been named as one of the nation's "Most Wired Hospitals." That distinction came from the Hospital and Health Networks' 19th annual Health Care's Most Wired Survey.

The hospital's manager of information systems Greg Saling says this distinction is a result of the hospital's efforts to always be on top of the newest technology.

FRI Q SalingWired1 :39

Saling says the hospital is continuously looking at ways to improve the patient experience.

FRI W SalingWired2 :25

This is the first time Taylorville Memorial Hospital has received the distinction. The hospital is one of 29 in Illinois and 460 across the United States to be named a "Most Wired Hospital."

Many staff members and Pana residents came together Thursday afternoon to celebrate the groundbreaking of a \$20-point-1 million dollar addition and renovation project to Pana Community Hospital.

The project will include a patient services addition to the back of the hospital, an addition to the main entrance to the hospital, and renovations to the basement, first floor, and third floor of the building. It is the biggest construction project Pana Community Hospital has taken on since 1976.

Hospital CEO Trina Casner says this project has been in the works for five years.

FRI E CasnerPCHAddition1 :39

Casner says with the addition to the main entrance to the hospital, the entrance will be handicap accessible.

FRI R CasnerPCHAddition2 :12

The biggest addition will be in the back of the building, where Casner says several departments and hospital functions will be housed in the new addition.

FRI T CasnerPCHAddition3 :16

The project is broken down into two phases. The first phase, the big addition to the back of the building and basement and third floor renovations, are expected to be completed next summer, with the main entrance and first floor renovations beginning once those projects are completed. The entire project is expected to be completed by March of 2019.

Some students in need in Christian County are receiving free dental care thanks to a new program that has come out of Taylorville Memorial Hospital's community health needs assessment. The assessment identified pediatric dental services as a high-priority need, and the hospital created a group to address that need that consisted of hospital staff, Taylorville School District officials, and other community leaders.

Dr. Greg Haarman from Central Illinois Smiles Family Dentistry is a part of the group who identifies children who could benefit from the program, and he is also providing the dental care to some of those students. He says his practice wants to help out students in the community in the best way that they can.

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Central Illinois Smiles Family Dentistry will be providing that needed dental care to two students per month free of charge during the current school year. Also, a grant from the Taylorville Kiwanis club of twenty-five hundred dollars, along with a twenty-five hundred dollar match from the Taylorville Memorial Hospital Foundation will go towards covering an oral surgery or other services beyond what Central Illinois Smiles can provide for free. Haarman says he is glad he can do his part in helping these students.

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Pana Community Hospital is giving patients all of the time they need to recover through the hospital's swing bed program. The program allows patients who may have had procedures or operations done elsewhere to get extra care at the hospital if they still need it upon release from the other facility.

Melissa Rybolt is the Marketing Manager at Pana Community Hospital. She says the program provides the extra care in a time when most hospitals can't let you have an extended stay.

WED 5 RyboltSwingBed1 :23

Rybolt says these programs are common in smaller hospitals so patients can recover closer to home.

WED 6 RyboltSwingBed2 :24

Rybolt appeared as a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show.