

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

7/1/12 – 9/30/12

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County Gov't	7/17/12	6:21am	1:30	Board Meeting
County Gov't	7/20/12	10:22am	1:30	Sheriff's Office
County Gov't	8/6/12	12:21pm	1:30	Christian County Historical Society
County Gov't	8/16/12	2:21pm	1:00	Sheriff's Office
County Gov't	9/12/12	4:22pm	1:00	Route 29 Expansion

The Christian County Board unanimously approved 2 new ordinances concerning the purchase of aggregate energy for the residents of Christian County. The first ordinance approved by the board was the appointing of Southern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative to serve as the County's sole consultant for its electric aggregation program and for the engagement of the lowest cost electric wholesale supplier. The second ordinance allows the voters to grant or deny the County the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program.

The Christian County Board also approved the purchase of a single axle distributor for the Highway Department. The department had been using the distributor on a trial basis and found it to be more maneuverable and easier to handle. The purchase will be made from Louis Marsch at a figure of \$7000. The Board also agreed to sell the dual axle distributor that was purchased last year. There is already interest in the old distributor so it will be opened to sealed bids.

In other business the Board approved the purchase of 2 traffic counters by the Highway Department to be used for roadway planning, design, speed studies and more. The cost of the 2 counters to be purchased from MetroCount is \$2419.

There was some discussion as to the legality of docking Board Members for not attending meetings. It was determined by Chairman Schmitz that the input of State Attorney Tom Finks would be necessary in order to determine how much leeway the board has.

Greg Patrick was introduced as the Assistant Regional Education Superintendent.

The Kincaid Police recently arrested 24 year old Chad Johnson and 27 year old Donald Felton both of Taylorville.

Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp says that meth labs are on the rise.

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Kettelkamp says that the drug task force is a key to stopping meth use.

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The two were arrested by Kincaid Police Chief Richard Adams with a reported 256 grams of a substance containing methamphetamine.

A book detailing the history and people of Christian County is in the works, and the deadline for you to be included is coming up.

Duane Sikes of Acclaim Publishing says the deadline to send in your information is next week.

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Contact the Christian County Historical Society at 824-6922 to find out more information.

It is harvest season, and that can sometimes mean harvest accidents. Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettlekamp says that being a farmer is the 4th most dangerous job.

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Kettlekamp also says that tractor accidents are the number one accident for farmers.

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If you want to go over the information for agriculture safety go to www.necasag.org.

Route 29 is going to be getting a bypass of Edinburg to make the road 4 lanes from Taylorville to Springfield.

The Project 29 group started almost 20 years ago trying to reach the goal of making the road 4 lanes from Taylorville to Springfield.

Mike Bell the Co-Chair of Project 29 says that the group started from after a tragedy hit a family.

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Bell says that many people use Route 29.

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Project 29 will be holding their monthly meeting on September 26th at 7pm at Jan's Restaurant in Edinburg.

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City Government	7/16/12	10:21am	1:30	City Council
City Government	8/11/12	11:20am	1:30	Municipal Airport
City Government	8/12/12	1:22pm	1:30	Civil War Honoring
City Government	9/12/12	2:20pm	1:00	City Park Board

One of the most known firefighter mottos is “Everyone Goes Home” it is actually on the wall in the Taylorville Fire Department. This statement is especially true for one retiring firefighter.

Chris Smith a Captain with the Taylorville Fire Department is retiring after 23 years of service. Smith says that his favorite part of being a firefighter was to lead.

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Smith says that one of his best memories as a firefighter involved some canines.

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Smith says that he is going to miss his fellow firefighters.

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Smith says that he has got a new job.

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Smith official retirement date is on July 19th, but Wednesday was his last day on the job.

The Taylorville City Council met on Monday night and many important issues were discussed. One of the most pressing issues of the night was brought up in the mayor updates, by Mayor Greg Brotherton. This issue was the one of the possibility of water rationing in Taylorville. Brotherton says that the levels at Lake Taylorville are pretty good considering the dry conditions.

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Brotherton says that there is still a possibility of water rationing in Taylorville.

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Also brought up at the meeting was the agreement made by an arbitrator for the City of Taylorville and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee. This agreement says that a person can be on the police force, a firefighter, or a member of AFCSME if they live within a 6 and a half mile radius from the Christian County Courthouse. The Taylorville Fire Fighters Union Local 3144 and AFSCME Council 31 Local 3349 were made a part of the Police Union and City of Taylorville's arbitrator agreement because of a "me too" clause regarding residence requirements. The motions legally, had to pass as an arbitrator made the decision for the City of Taylorville and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee and that arbitrator's decision is legally binding, although there was a councilman who voted no to the motions.

Earl Walters of Ward IV was that alderman, and he says that if you work for the City of Taylorville you should be required to live within the city limits.

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Again, that motion passed with a vote of 7-1.

Another motion passed unanimously 7-0 at the meeting with one abstention was the motion for the Park Glen Site Plan. Alderman Shawn Burtle of Ward IV says that this motion will add additional parking spaces to Park Glen.

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Burtle also explained why he abstained from the vote.

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All other ordinances at the meeting passed unanimously, those ordinances include.

An ordinance to make appropriations to defray expenditures of the City of Taylorville for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

An ordinance authorizing the submission to the electors of the City of Taylorville the question of whether the city shall have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential

and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program although this ordinance only includes Ameren customers.

An ordinance amending title 6 chapter 5, section 1 as it relates to the definition of “damaged vehicle” of the Taylorville City Code (Re: Demo Derby Cars)

An ordinance suggested by the Plan Commission to re-subdivision CVS.

An ordinance to ratify the payment of bills which totaled \$255,597.12

A Beachcraft 18 2-engine plane carrying parachutists from Taylorville Municipal Airport, crashed in a residential area of Taylorville at 11:25 Saturday morning, killing the pilot but the parachutists got out before the plane went down.

Tony Molinaro, a public information officer with the Federal Aviation Administration, told Regional Radio News that the skydivers were released before the plane crashed in the Rich Street area of Taylorville. Molinaro said the pilot was the only person on board when the airplane went down, and he was killed.

Molinaro added that investigators from the F-A-A will be on scene to complete their work, then turn over their findings to the National Transportation Safety Board for a determination as to why the plane went down.

At 7:35 Saturday night, Christian County Coroner Amy Calvert Winans released the identity of the pilot. 30 year old Brandon Sparrow, of Augusta, Illinois was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. An autopsy will be scheduled Monday in Bloomington.

Firefighter Tom Campbell of the Taylorville Fire Department talked with Regional Radio News late Saturday afternoon and said while the plane did crash into a residential area, no one on the ground was injured:

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Campbell thanks the residents in the Rich Street area for their cooperation, and stressed the Taylorville Fire Department will allow them back into their homes as soon as possible.

An area bordered by Cheney to Shumway, and Vandever to Prairie Streets, was blocked off by fire officials just after the crash Saturday morning, in order to allow F-A-A officials to complete their investigation.

On Sunday afternoon there was a ceremony held to honor Major Francis M. Long of Taylorville who fought and died in the Civil War for the Union.

Kip Johnson a speaker at the event and a Historian of the 41st Illinois Volunteer Infantry for which Long fought says that Long and the 41st had courage, valor and heroism.

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Johnson says that there are some parallels between the today's service men and women and those who fought in the Civil War.

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The monument dedicated to Major Francis M. Long is on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn. This monument is just across the street from P.S. Printing, where the Long House Hotel which Major Long worked at used to stand.

The Taylorville Park District met for a special Building and Grounds Committee meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the resolution on sleeping and or camping in the park.

Park Board Trustee Kay Champley says that she believes that the issue should have gone to committee first before coming to a public meeting.

[audio:KayChampleysleepinpark91212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Park Board Trustee Larry Budd says that he does not believe any entity should be allowed to sleep in accordance with this ordinance.

[audio:LarryBuddsleepinpark91212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Park Board Trustee Douglas Meyer says that Kelly Bland the Director of Finance and Operations at the Taylorville Park District handled the situation correctly.

[audio:DougMeyerSleepinPark91212.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The issue of sleeping or camping in the park came up at the last park board meeting when Tony Rouleau informed the board of the situation in which he comes to the park the night previous for the Durbin family reunion.

A member of the Durbin family has been staying the night prior to the event for over 40 years to watch the tables and make sure everything is set up for the reunion the next day.

The Park Board decided at the meeting to keep the ordinance in tact that stated that no one could sleep in or camp in the park premises. This ordinance has been in place since 1954.

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Econ Development	7/24/12	6:22am	1:45	GTCC
Econ Development	7/27/12	9:21am	1:30	Main Street
Econ Development	8/8/12	11:20am	1:00	GTCC
Econ Development	8/21/12	1:22pm	1:45	New Business
Econ Development	9/12/12	3:21pm	1:45	New Business

Something new is coming to this year's Chillifest. Patty Hornbuckle, President and CEO of the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce says this year will feature a bags tournament.

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Chillifest is coming up in October.

The BBQ Blues and Cruise Festival is coming up tomorrow. Becky Edwards the Executive Director of the festival says that the festival expects a lot of people to come out this year.

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Edwards says that this event could help the local economy.

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The festival will be from 11 am to 11 pm at the Christian County Fairgrounds.

At the Taylorville City Council Meeting on Monday night the council decided to table the motion to allow alcohol to be served at Chillifest with a vote of 7-1.

Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Patty Hornbuckle says that having beer at Chillifest was not feasible with just eight weeks till Chillifest.

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Hornbuckle says that the idea of beer at Chillifest will continue in future years.

[audio:PattyChillifestClip02080812.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Chillifest will go on as scheduled on October 13th and October 14th on the Taylorville Square.

Taylorville is going to be getting a new eatery very soon. Quiznos is tentatively scheduled to open at the old location of Long John Silver's on September 24th.

Owner of the business Don Broaddus says that there is still a lot of work to be done within the next three weeks.

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Broaddus says that they have some job openings.

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Broaddus says that he has been looking for students to fill some of the positions at Quiznos.

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When Quiznos opens it will be the only drive thru sub shop in Taylorville.

A new detail shop has opened up in Christian County. Justine's Detail Shop is located in Edinburg. Owner Justine Turner says even though the location is new, she has years of experience in the business.

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Again, Justine's Detail Shop is at 101 East Washington Street in Edinburg.

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Health	7/10/12	6:20am	1:30	Taylorville Memorial Hospital
Health	7/28/12	8:20am	1:00	ACS
Health	8/12/12	9:21pm	1:30	CCHD
Health	8/27/12	11:22pm	1:00	ACS
Health	9/14/12	2:21pm	1:30	Shelby Memorial Hospital

The recent heat wave over the Central Illinois area has some people concerned about heat related illnesses.

Dr Matt Johnson an ER doctor for Taylorville Memorial Hospital says that not sweating can actually be a symptom of a heat related illness.

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Johnson says that if possible people should try to avoid the heat.

[audio:DrMattJohnsonClip02071112.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Johnson says that if you are in an emergency situation with someone having a heat related illness you should cool the person down.

[audio:DrMattJohnsonClip03071112.mp3]comment here[/audio]

There are cooling centers for each county in Illinois, to find a cooling center for your county go to keepcool.illinois.gov.

The American Cancer Society will be having a big event in Springfield. The event will kick off making strides against breast cancer. Steve Turner with the American Cancer Society says that this is a nice event for the ACS.

[audio:TurnerWeekend072712.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again you can contact the ACS at 523-4503.

There was a recent report of a child who was infected with a new strain of the swine flu after going to the Coles County Fair.

Nancy Martin, Administrator at the Christian County Health Department says there are some ways you can protect yourself from getting the swine flu.

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Martin says that there are some swine flu symptoms you should look out for.

[audio:nancymartinClip02081312.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Illinois State Fair has taken extra precautions after this swine flu case as they have increased the number of hand washing stations on the fairgrounds.

Ovarian cancer is a very dangerous and very difficult to detect form of cancer that women should watch out for.

Steve Turner with the American Cancer Society says that pap smears that detect cervical cancer cannot find ovarian cancer.

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Turner says that women should look out for some symptoms and talk to the doctor if symptoms continue.

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According to MSNBC.com ovarian cancer is the 9th most deadly cancer and kills on average over 10,000 women every year.

There is a big event coming up in Shelbyville to raise money for a deadly disease. The Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis is that event.

Glenda Plunkett Marketing Coordinator with Shelby Memorial Hospital says that Cystic Fibrosis affects thousands of Americans.

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Plunkett says that you can register online for Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis.

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Again, Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis will be on Saturday September 29th at General Dacey Trail in Forest Park in Shelbyville. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the walk will begin at 9:30 am.

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Education		7/9/12	9:20am	1:30	Taylorville School Board
Education		7/16/12	6:20am	1:00	Superintendent Fuersteneau
Education		8/9/12	9:20am	1:30	High School Athletics Safety
Education		8/13/12	11:20pm	1:30	Taylorville School Board
Education		9/12/12	1:20pm	1:00	Superintendent Fuersteneau

The Taylorville School Board met on Monday night and many issues were discussed. One of the most pressing issues brought up at the meeting was the recent request to bring back the bowling team to Taylorville High School. This was previously discussed at the June 19th athletic committee meeting.

Athletic Committee Chairman Seth McMillan says that the bowling team has produced many scholarship athletes in years past.

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McMillan says that bowling will be back for the 2012-13 school year.

[audio:SethMcMillanClip02071012.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The motion to bring back the bowling team passed unanimously.

Another issue brought up in the Superintendent's Report by Superintendent Gregg Fuerstenau was the process of selling the West School Property.

Fuerstenau says that Board Attorney Tom Doyle discussed the issue of selling the property at the R.O.E. Meeting on Monday night.

[audio:GregFuersteneauClip071012.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The issue of the West School Property will be discussed further at future school board meetings and building committee meetings.

Another item that was discussed before the meeting is the upcoming renaming of Taylorville High School's West Gym to Dolph Stanley Gym.

Board Member Kate Fraley says that many Taylorville players and family of Stanley will come back to celebrate the new name.

[audio:KateFraleyClip071012.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Another important bit of new business at the meeting was the handing out of two diplomas to, two new Taylorville High School graduates. Megan Workman (pictured above with Board President David Cowell) and Haley Robinson were given their diplomas at the meeting.

Another item brought up at the meeting was the consideration of the FY13 General Supply Bids. Included in this were 30 Apple Ipad 3's and also 3 Apple Macbook Air 11's. These items will be in use at Taylorville Junior High School. The FY13 General Supply Bid passed unanimously.

Other items that passed unanimously at the meeting include:

A consideration of Resolution for allowance of Inter-Fund Transfers

A consideration of FY13 Elementary textbook purchases

A consideration of Board Policies

Again all of those measures passed unanimously at the meeting.

The next School Board Meeting will occur on August 13th.

Now that July is more than half over, it is time to think about getting back to school. Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent of Taylorville Schools, says some building maintenance is going well and they will be ready to get back in session next month.

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The first day of student attendance will be August 17th.

A recent passing of a 17 year old high school football player in Spring Valley has saddened many people and also made some people wonder what precautions local schools take to make sure student athletes are safe.

Taylorville Head Football Coach Jeb Odam says that he makes sure water breaks are built into practice schedules.

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Odam says that player safety is of the utmost importance.

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According to Science Daily heat related college and high school football deaths have tripled over the past 15 years.

The Taylorville School Board met last evening and many important issues were discussed. One of the most important issues brought up at the meeting was brought up by some visitors at the meeting.

Jim Burgett First Vice President and Sean McCarthy First Vice President of Stifel Nicolaus an investment banking company headquartered in St. Louis brought up a sales tax that could help the district.

The tax is called the County School Facility Tax and was passed by the Illinois Legislature in 2007 based on a plan that is used in Iowa.

Superintendent Greg Fuerstenau says that this tax is worth a second look.

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The tax revenue would go straight to the school district and the tax would be levied on everything except vehicles, boats, RV's, mobile homes, unprepared food, drugs, farm equipment and parts and farm inputs. Some counties who have passed the tax include Champaign and Macon County.

Fuerstenau says that he wants to start to talk to other school districts in Christian County about the tax.

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Another issue brought up at the meeting was the new advisory period which will take place at the Taylorville High School daily for 36 minutes.

Fuerstenau says that this advisory period was made to help students be more successful.

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On Mondays the advisory period will include sustained reading, on Tuesdays and Thursdays the period will include organization or club meetings and on Wednesdays and Fridays the period will include student conference with their advisory period teacher.

Also brought up at the meeting was the 2012-13 Budget for the district. The district is anticipated to lose over \$1.7 million in their education budget which will put the overall balance at the end of the 2013 fiscal year down to \$3,033,853.

Fuerstenau says that the district will have to be patient when making future years budgets.

[audio:FuerstenauBoardClip0481412.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The \$1.7 million loss in the education budget is nearly the same amount that the State of Illinois owes the Taylorville School District.

Items passed at the meeting include.

A consideration of the need for continuation of the designated hazardous walking areas within the District as previously granted by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the consideration of the Illinois State Board of Education Technology Loan Application, and the consideration of the contract facility agreement between Taylorville Community Unit School District #3 and C.E.F.S Head Start Program for the 2012-13 Program year.

All of those items passed unanimously.

The next Taylorville School Board meeting is scheduled for September 10th and school is scheduled to start on August 17th.

Standardized tests are a painful, but necessary evil for some students. These tests for Illinois students include the PSAE, ISAT and ACT.

Dr. Greg Fuerstenau says that the ISAT scores of Taylorville students were pretty good this year.

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The reason for the incremental increase is the No Child Left Behind legislation which is set to expire by next year.

Fuerstenau says that although he likes the idea, 100% goal is unattainable.

[audio:091212drfursteneau2.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The ISAT test is taken by students in 3rd thru 8th grades. After the ISAT test then the ACT test is taken by high school juniors, which is based on a national standard, not an Illinois standard.