

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

4/1/14 – 6/30/14

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City Government	4/7/14	9:20am	3:00	City Council
City Government	4/28/14	10:21am	2:30	City Park Board
City Government	5/5/14	11:20am	2:30	City Council
City Government	5/27/14	1:22pm	1:30	City Park Board
City Government	6/24/14	2:20pm	2:00	City Mayor

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Taylorville City Council Discusses Water Rate Increase; Ahlstrom Problem

The Taylorville City Council met Monday night and discussed the water rate increase that will happen in the near future. Mayor Greg Brotherton says it is something they have to do:

[audio:mayorwaterincrease040814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again the water rate increase will go towards funding the new water plant.

The Taylorville City Council addressed the noise problem at Ahlstrom's during their Monday night meeting. Mayor Greg Brotherton told the Council about the latest he had heard from Ahlstrom:

[audio:mayorahlstrom040814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Alderman Larry Budd then elaborated on the topic:

[audio:buddahlstrom040814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Alderman Rob Heberling suggested that they do a sound study on the noise issue and possibly start a discussion about annexation.

The Taylorville City Council was presented with a motion to take control of the property located at 803 East Franklin and go forward with the demolishing of the building. Alderman Earl Walters further explains the situation:

[audio:waltersdemolish040814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Council approved the motion unanimously.

The Taylorville City Council approved a resolution to utilize Motor Fuel Transport funds for Cherokee Street/Pawnee Street project. Alderman Earl Walters says they will begin the project as soon as possible so it will be finished by the start of the next school year. The Council approved the motion to annex the Shanks Property located at 1430 West Sunset Drive. The Council also approved the motion to have all four Memorial Cannon Bases replaced. The Council was informed that Rick Champley and his wife, Lisa, have volunteered to donate the supplies and his labor to sandblast and paint the Memorial Block Cannons.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

((((((((4-28-14 5a awm))))))))))

Taylorville Park Board Approves Repairs of Dining Hall Gutters

The Taylorville Park Board met Monday night and was presented with a motion to repair the damaged Dining Hall gutters. Secretary/Bookkeeper MaryAnn Becker told the Board about the damage:

[audio:becker gutters042914.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Board approved the motion unanimously. The work will be done by Young's Roofing Inc.

Secretary/Bookkeeper MaryAnn Becker informed the Taylorville Park Board at their Monday meeting that she, along with Recreation Director Bailey Hancock and Maintenance Superintendent Gary Brown, applied for a youth recreation grant. Becker told the Board what the grant would allow them to do if their application is approved:

[audio:becker grant042914.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hancock said the swim lesson instructor that the grant will cover will be whoever she chooses to be in charge.

The Taylorville Park Board approved the lowest bid from MidWest for the construction of the new irrigation system at Lakeshore Golf Course. The Board also approved the Budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

((((((((5-5-14 5a awm))))))))))

Taylorville City Council Votes to Close East Adams Crossing

The Taylorville City Council was presented with a motion at their Monday night meeting to accept Norfolk Southern Corporation's proposal and proceed with the closing of the East Adams Street crossing. Alderman Shawn Burtie said he was voting no on the issue and explained why:

[audio:burtiestreet050514.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Council voted to approve the proposal and close the crossing on a 6-1 vote.

The Taylorville City Council heard an update at their meeting Monday night in regards to one local business that had violated their liquor license. City Attorney Rocci Romano tells the Council the latest:

[audio:romanoroundtable050514.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Romano says that under the Mayor's direction, he will file a small claims complaint to collect the money.

The Taylorville City Council swore in new fireman Michael Joyner at their meeting. The Council approved the reappointment of Nina Wunderlich and Marie Bard to the Library Board of Trustees and the appointment Patrick Jeschke to the Library Board of Trustees. The Council also approved the motion to hire Jim Smith as Municipal Band Director, Reggie Hohenstein as Band Librarian, and Jan Phillips as Band Manager for the 2014 concert season. The Council approved a motion to allow Police Chief Dave Herpstreith to prepare and submit the application for the 2014 COPS Hiring Grant.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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Taylorville Park Board Hears that Budget is in Good Shape

The Taylorville Park Board heard the annual audit report at their Tuesday meeting. CPA Sheridan Pulley told the Board how they did this past fiscal year:

[audio:pulleyparkbudget052814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Pulley said the Board did a terrific job overall in managing the budget.

The Taylorville Park Board heard some good and bad news in regards to the Manners Park Pool at their Tuesday night meeting. Recreation Director Bailey Hancock said while the opening weekend was a success, there are some problems that will need to be addressed:

[audio:hancockpoolproblems052814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hancock says none of the problems will cause them to shut down for the pool season but will need to be taken care of when the pool closes in August.

The Taylorville Park Board voted to demolish the Caretakers House if they are approved for a grant that will help cover the cost. The Board cannot have the house demolished prior to applying and being approved for the grant or they will become ineligible for it. Several ideas for what to do with the space include a small pavilion or bathrooms. The Board approved an ordinance to file an amended annual budget for FY '14-15.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

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Mayor: New Water Plant a Huge Undertaking

One of the biggest undertakings in years for the Taylorville area is in the preliminary stages. Mayor Greg Brotherton tells Regional Radio that a new water plant will be expensive, but it's a necessary step:

[audio:mayorwater062414.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Mayor also says one of the first things prospective businesses ask about is the availability of water.

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County Gov't	4/9/14	6:21am	1:30	Transportation Grant
County Gov't	4/16/14	10:22am	1:30	County Board
County Gov't	5/8/14	12:21pm	1:30	County Solid Waste Department
County Gov't	5/20/14	2:21pm	2:00	County Board
County Gov't	6/13/14	4:22pm	1:00	Sheriff

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Governor Quinn Announces \$100 Million for Local Transportation Improvements Across Illinois

Governor Pat Quinn has announced \$100 million from the Illinois Jobs Now! construction program to repair municipal and township infrastructure throughout the state.

The announcement includes approximately \$5.5 million for local governments in Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery, Sangamon, and Shelby Counties. The funding is the last of a series of annual transportation investments that municipalities have received through the Illinois Jobs Now! Program.

The projects will be selected and managed locally, with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) providing oversight.

In addition to the Illinois Jobs Now! funds, local governments in the counties listed above will receive more than \$31.7 million in Motor Fuel Tax funds this year.

For a list of the local governments receiving funding, go to dot.il.gov.

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Christian County Board Approves U of I Job Shadowing Program for Second Year

The Christian County Board met Tuesday night and was presented with a motion to approve the University of Illinois Extension's Job Shadowing program for a second year. Board member Fred Curtin reminded the Board what the event was about and some new things proposed for this year:

[audio:curtinjobshadow041514.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Board member Greg Hager told the Board more about the flower garden:

[audio:hagergarden041614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The event will take place the first week of June. Mike McClure has offered to donate the time capsule for the celebration. The Board approved the event unanimously.

The Christian County Board was updated on the percentages on the claim history for the past year. Member Fred Curtin told the Board what was discussed at the Committee level:

[audio:curtinclaims041614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Curtin said that Travelstead has sent out quotes for all carriers that serve the area and at various deductibles and out of pocket expenses. Travelstead also encouraged employees to take advantage of no cost physicals as preventative medicine.

The Christian County Board approved a resolution to urge the General Assembly to review all potential funding options for the continued viability of the 911 systems. The Board also approved the reappointments of Doug Kohl as a Taylorville Fire Protection Trustee and Alex Menchetti as an Owaneco Fire Protection Trustee.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Coming Up

Your chance to get rid of unwanted paint, insecticides, old gasoline and other dangerous waste products is coming up. The Christian County Solid Waste Management Department along with the Illinois EPA are co-sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection May 17th. Debbie Levault of Solid Waste Management says oil based paints and thinners will be accepted, but latex paint will not:

[audio:levaultnolatex050814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

For more information about what will and will not be accepted, contact the Solid Waste Management Department at 287-2334. Again, the event takes place Saturday May 17th from 8am till 3pm at the Christian County Fairgrounds.

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Christian County Board Discusses Elected Officials' Salaries

The Christian County Board had a heated discussion at their Tuesday night meeting on whether or not to freeze the salaries of elected officials for the upcoming term. Board member Jack Pearce, Jr. said he had a problem with the salaries:

[audio:pearcesalary052114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Member Joe Marley says while he doesn't like the idea of freezing salaries, he did not agree on having a beginning salary:

[audio:marleysalary052114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Member Ben Curtin also questioned the fairness of a beginning salary:

[audio:curtinsalary052114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

After much discussion, the Board approved to freeze the salaries on a 10-6 vote.

The Christian County Board received an update on several projects at their Tuesday night meeting. Member Greg Hager tells the Board the latest:

[audio:hagerprojects052114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hager also told the board that Buildings/Grounds Supervisor Zach Hicks is working on the air conditioning system on the third floor of the Courthouse to allow more individual office control.

The Christian County Board approved the rates for the 2014-15 health insurance open enrollment. The Board approved the re-establishment of the County Farmland Assessment Review Committee with members being Dick Breckenridge, Lloyd Washburn, and Ben Curtin. The Board also approved the reappointment of Frank Blanchfield to the Taylorville Sanitary District for 3 years and approved the appointment of Sue Ann Paso as trustee to Midland Fire Protection District for a term that would end in May 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

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Sheriff Promotes Website

The Christian County Sheriff's Office hosts a website which provides safety information for both kids and adults. Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp says there is a lot of useful information there:

[audio:sheriffwebsite061314.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Go to christiancountysheriffsoffice-dot-com.

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Econ Development	4/17/14	9:21am	1:30	New Business
Econ Development	5/1/14	11:20am	1:00	New Location
Econ Development	5/21/14	1:22pm	1:00	New Business
Econ Development	6/9/14	3:21pm	1:45	Business Expansion

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Davis votes for Coal Jobs Legislation

Representative Rodney Davis of Taylorville recently voted in favor of bi-partisan legislation designed to protect coal mining jobs. The Congressman says the jobs are vital to the Central Illinois economy:

[audio:daviscoaljobs041614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The bill, "Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act", passed in the House on a vote of 229 to 192.

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Logan's Tropical Sno Opens in Taylorville

With temperatures on the rise, you may be looking for a place to enjoy a cool treat and now there is a new spot to do so in Taylorville. Nicole Logan tells Regional Radio News about Logan's Tropical Sno:

[audio:logantropicalsno041714.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Logan explains why they decided to open the business:

[audio:loganreason041714.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Logan says they will be open daily and the hours will be 2-9pm during Spring Break, on weekends, and during the summer. During the school week, they will open from 4:30-9pm. Logan's Tropical Sno is located at 500 West Market right next to the Taylorville Food Center.

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McMillan: Local Business Offers Advantages

When it comes to gardening and landscaping, there are a number of "big box" stores trying to lure you in with the promise of low prices. But pricing isn't all there is, and Seth McMillan of McMillan Landscaping and Garden Center says you'd be surprised at the value of a dealing with a local business:

[audio:mcmillanlocalbusiness050114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

McMillan landscaping and Garden Center's new location is on South Spresser Street in Taylorville, near the airport. Call 820-5114.

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"Momma Mytar's Desserts" to hold Grand Opening

Taylorville's newest bakery is now open for business. "Momma Mytar's Desserts" is located at 115 W. Poplar St. Proprietor Wendy Mytar says their Grand Opening is this weekend:

[audio:mytargrandopening052014.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again, Wendy will be offering free samples of cake, and a free goody bag for the first 20 attendees.

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Gowin Parc to Host Chamber Event

The Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce will soon be hosting it's monthly Business After Hours. Chamber CEO Patty Hornbuckle tells Regional radio News the June event will take place at Gowin Parc:

[audio:pattygowin060614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

If you'd like to attend the Business After Hours, call the chamber at 824-4919.

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Education	4/3/14	9:20am	0:30	Scholarship
Education	4/15/14	6:20am	2:00	Taylorville School Board
Education	5/5/14	9:21am	1:30	School Grants
Education	5/20/14	11:20pm	1:30	School Funding Bill
Education	6/9/14	1:22pm	1:00	Taylorville School Board

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Christian County Extension Offering Ag Scholarship

Christian County Extension is offering an Ag scholarship to current 4-H members who will be attending college or trade school and majoring in an Ag-related field in the fall of 2014. The scholarship is due to the generosity of an anonymous donor. The \$500 per semester scholarship is renewable for up to seven semesters if all guidelines are met. For more information and a scholarship application, contact the Christian County Extension office at 217- 287-7246. All applications must be completed and returned by May 1, 2014.

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Taylorville School Board Hears About Budget Future

The Taylorville School Board met Monday night at North Elementary School. Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau told the Board that when it comes to the budget, the State funding is the major factor:

[audio:fuerstenaubudget041514.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Dr. Fuerstenau said if the proration drops to 35%, many extra-curricular activities would be cut and the schools may just be able to teach basic education courses.

The Taylorville School Board was presented with changes to the 2014-15 Discipline Code at their meeting Monday night. Taylorville High School Assistant Principal Matt Hutchison pointed out some of the changes:

[audio:hutchisonchanges041514.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Board approved the changes unanimously.

The Board approved changes to the Taylorville High School 2014-15 Handbook. The Board was informed that the District has been awarded a FY2014 School District Library Program Grant in the amount of \$1,937.25. The Board also approved to use the services of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet for the school district's audit for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

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Governor Quinn Announces \$25 Million in Grants for Schools

Governor Pat Quinn has announced grant awards totaling \$25 million to enhance security at 448 public elementary and secondary school districts, community colleges and state universities in Illinois. Local schools receiving grants include: Edinburg, Morrisonville, Pana, Litchfield, Panhandle, Central A&M, Cowden-Herrick, Shelbyville, and Stewardson-Strasburg.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) announced the Illinois School and Campus Safety Grant Program earlier this year. Only one application per school district or college campus was accepted, although an application could include multiple projects. IEMA received grant applications totaling more than \$54 million from 623 school districts and campuses.

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Manar: School Funding Bill Could Get Vote

There's a good possibility that a controversial new school funding plan will get a vote on the Senate floor this week. State Senator Andy Manar says anyone who thinks the current funding formula is OK is sadly mistaken.

[audio:rddSchoolPay11.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Manar says he knows it's a tough vote but too many schools are struggling to make ends meet, and the problem isn't going away.

[audio:rddSchoolPay21.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The new plan aims to divide state money for schools based on need, but Manar says Republicans haven't jumped on board. He says there's no question that schools in their districts are struggling so he's disappointed that they haven't endorsed the deal. Under the plan, schools that have a higher population of poor students would get more money. That means schools in more affluent areas would lose money from the state. Manar says the plan would limit the loss to one-thousand-bucks per student.

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Fuerstenau: FY15 Budget Comes Down to SB16

The Taylorville School Board met Monday night and heard about the FY15 budget. Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says that budget will come down to Senate Bill 16 which has passed the Senate and currently sits in the House:

[audio:fuerstenaufy15061014.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Senate Bill 16 would re-work the state aid school funding formula and provide more money to the District.

The Taylorville School Board approved the amended FY14 School District Budget. The Board approved the Christian-Montgomery Regional Office of Education Truant Officer Assessment Agreement. The Board approved the hiring Seth Brannan as the Varsity Golf Coach and Josh Pullen as the Varsity Wrestling Coach at the Taylorville High School.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Pana Community Hospital Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Pana Community Hospital Celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Melissa Rybolt, Marketing Coordinator for PCH says they have some special events coming up:

[audio:rybolt100thanny040114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Pana Community Hospital opened its doors in 1914.

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Sarah Bush to Offer Healthy Kids Summer Program

If you're looking for a way to keep your kids busy during the summer months, the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center may have just the thing. Sara Betts, Healthy Kids Education Specialist for the hospital, says one offering is all about cooking:

[audio:bettsbl041614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Find out more at their website, sarahbush.org.

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Blood Drive In Shelbyville

Warmer weather brings with it more activity, and unfortunately, that can mean a greater chance of accidents. For that reason, there is a greater need for blood at this time of year, and according to Tad Mayhall in Shelbyville, you can help:

[audio:tadblooddrivemay050214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

There is a need for all blood types. Again, that blood drive will be May 15th.

((((((((((5-23-14 5a awm))))))))))

Sutton Ambulance Recognizes EMS Week; Undergoing Changes

This week is National EMS Week. Paramedic Nancy Likes with Sutton Ambulance Service tells Regional Radio News about National EMS Week:

[audio:likesemsweek052214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Likes also tells Regional Radio about some changes taking place at Sutton Ambulance:

[audio:likeschanges052214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Likes says they also will be implementing new medicine that will increase their treatment options.

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Non-Profit Aids Autism Families

If you have a family member who is autistic, you may not know where to turn for help. Erica Matthews says the Autism and Movement Project might be the answer:

[audio:matthewsaamp052314.mp3]comment here[/audio]

For more information, call Matthews at 824-4605.