

**Quarterly Issues/Programs
List**

For

WMIKR (FM) Pana, IL

**July 1, 2014-September 30,
2014**

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City government	9/16/14	7:22am	2 min	Taylorville City Council meets
City government	9/26/14	10:21am	1 min	Taylorville Mayor says zoning important
City government	8/26/14	2:20pm	1 min	Taylorville Police to Have Firing Range
City government	8/19/14	11:21am	2 min	Taylorville City Council meets

8/26/14 (((READ UNTIL 10AM ONLY. READ LIVE. RJM)))

Officials with the City of Taylorville have announced that the long-awaited opening of the Spillway Bridge is taking place this morning at 10:30. This marks the end of a long construction project. Again, the Lake Taylorville Spillway Bridge will re-open to traffic this morning at 10:30.

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Start 9/16/14 5am. Rjm (((WRITTEN IN MODULES; READ ALL IN EXPANDED LOCAL NEWSCASTS; READ VARIOUS MODULES IN LOCAL NEWS UPDATES. THANKS. RJM))))

Monday night's Taylorville City Council meeting lasted an hour and 10 minutes, with a couple of contentious issues discussed by council members.

One of them concerned a recommendation by the Taylorville Zoning and Planning Commission asking the Council to OK a request from Harold Johnson, that property at 1700 East Main Cross be re-zoned from Residential-One, to Commercial-2. During the Zoning Commission's public hearing which was held before the City Council meeting, a couple of neighbors in the neighborhood appeared and asked that the Zoning Commission deny the change in zoning. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of recommending to the City Council, the change in zoning, but when it came time for the Council vote, it failed 5 to 3. Some Council members didn't want the zoning changed, while others indicated that if Johnson would clean up the property and re-apply for the zoning change, they would vote for it. With the motion being defeated, Johnson will now have to go back to the Zoning Commission and begin the process again.

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Taylorville aldermen Monday night OK'd a number of resolutions and motions. Resolutions were approved supporting an intergovernmental law enforcement officers training act, they entered into an agreement with the Christian County Major Crimes Task Force, they allowed the Village of Stonington to borrow certain city equipment, and approved an amendment to an agreement with engineering firm Benton and Associates on the city's new water treatment plant. The Council approved an ordinance changing language on some stop sign locations, and OK'd spending 32-hundred dollars to abate asbestos in the city hall boiler room.

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9-26-14 STA  
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## Mayor Says Zoning Regulations Are Important

At last week's Taylorville City Council Meeting, the council denied a request from a local man to rezone property in the 1700 block of East Main Cross, mainly because of protests from neighbors. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton says the council is always cautious about zoning changes:

Key E .....next couple months. (:41)

The property owner wanted to change the zoning from residential to commercial. With the council's no vote, he'll have to start the process all over again if he wants to continue to pursue the project.

8-26-14 5A  
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## Taylorville Police to Have Firing Range

Efforts are underway to build a firing range for use by Taylorville Police. Mayor Greg Brotherton tells Regional Radio the facility is definitely needed:

Key 1 .....in that direction. (:53)

The City Council voted last week to allow phase one of the effort to begin.

5am 8/19/14 rjm (((READ SECTIONS IN LOCAL NEWS UPDATES;  
READ ALL IN EXPANDED LOCAL NEWSCASTS. RJM))))

A lot of business was transacted at the one hour and 20 minute meeting of the Taylorville City Council Monday night.

The Council OK'd an agreement to have all city assets appraised for accounting control and insurance valuation, with the appraisal costing some eleven-thousand 500-dollars; they OK'd a debt collection agreement with Credit Collection Partners to help the city collect some 100-thousand dollars in past due fines and fees; and upon recommendation of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, aldermen re-zoned property at the northwest corner of Lincoln Trail and Illinois Route 48, owned by the Sinha (sin-hah) family from Residential-2 to Commercial-2.

The Council Monday night approved an ordinance annexing 6 different properties into the city limits so they can be offered city water, and OK'd the city's demolition of a property at 717 East Vine after getting consent from the landowner, Theola Brackett of Springfield.

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The Taylorville City Council Monday night passed a number of motions that came out of various committees. Aldermen OK'd a motion allowing waterfowl hunting on Lake Taylorville for the 2014-15 season with the same rules as last year, and bow-only deer hunting on the lake for the 2014 season. Exempted dates were October Eleventh thru the 13<sup>th</sup> due to Youth Hunting on the north end of the lake. They also voted to advertise to hire an office level one position in the treasurer's office, an office level 3 position in the police department and allow the replacement to begin work 30 days prior to the retirement date of the existing employee, and OK'd advertising for a deputy treasurer if needed.

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| County government    | 9/24/14                 | 7:21am  | 1min 30 sec | Christian County Sheriff Cites Domestic Violence Stats       |
| County government    | 8/27/14                 | 8:20am  | 1min30sec   | Christian County Sheriff comments on Police Shooting         |
| County government    | 8/28/14                 | 9:21am  | 1min        | Christian County Sheriff's Department reports arrests        |
| County government    | 8/12/14                 | 11:20am | 1min        | Christian County Sheriff's Office Reports 1 Injured in Crash |



FOR SAT AND SUN NEWS SEPT 27 AND 28, 2014. RJM

Christian County Clerk Linda Curtin has informed Regional Radio News, that her office will be open for absentee voting, weekdays from 8 to 4. Saturday voting will also be available starting October Eleventh from 8 in the morning til noon.

When voting at the clerk's office, voters will be using a paper ballot which will be scanned.

Voters can also call for a ballot to be mailed to their home, at no charge. The Christian County Clerk's Office can be reached at 824-4969. The office will be closed for the Columbus Day Holiday on October 13.

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## Sheriff Cites Domestic Violence Stats

Domestic violence is a subject that is currently receiving a lot of national attention, but it's also a story that hits close to home. Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp says domestic violence calls account for a sizable portion of police business:

Key Q .....in their lifetime. (:57)

The Sheriff says just his office alone has received over 100 domestic violence calls since the beginning of August.

8-27-14 SA  
MC

### Sheriff Comments on Recent Police Shooting

Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp says he believes the recent shooting of a Pana man by Illinois State Police was justified:

Key 3 .....increase in meth labs. (:57)

It's not known if the victim was under the influence of drugs when the incident occurred.

8-28-14 11:00 AM TN

THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ARRESTS:

Alexander Shanks, 21, of Taylorville was arrested on August 27<sup>th</sup> on a bond forfeiture warrant for contempt of court.

Rodney Aten, 36, of Taylorville was arrested on August 27<sup>th</sup> on a bond forfeiture warrant for contempt of court.

~~Nicole Erwin-Gaynor, 23, Of Centralia was arrested on August 27<sup>th</sup> on a bond forfeiture warrant for driving on a revoked or suspended license.~~

ACCIDENTS:

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Christian County Deputy was dispatched to a single vehicle accident with injury. Two deputies arrived on scene and observed Kody Page, 30, of Taylorville in the west bound ditch facing south and observed several mailboxes and mailbox posts laying in the same ditch east of Page. There were tire marks leaving the roadway and entering the ditch on the north side of the road. The tire mark continued west until meeting with a driveway/culvert at 3719 Lincoln Trail. Tire marks were observed again on the west side of the driveway over the mailboxes and continuing to Page's location. The deputy approached Page, and she stated she was experiencing head/neck pain and that she swerved to avoid striking an animal and lost control of the 2002 Chrysler she was driving when she entered the north (west bound) ditch. Contact was made with the owner of the damaged mailboxes. EMS arrived on scene and transported Kody Page to Taylorville Memeorial Hospital.

~~On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Kerstin Kresin, 23, of Pana stated she was west bound on county road 1900 north road and that a deer ran into the roadway and she was unable to stop at the intersection. Kresin struck the ditch and went into the filed. She was not injured.~~

~~Ronald Stivers, 45, of Taylorville was southbound on county highway 7 at intersection with county highway 6. He was at the rest at the stop sign, Haley Little, 22, of Stonington was at the rest on county highway 7 behind Stivers. An uninvolved vehicle was traveling east on county highway 6 and turned north on county highway 7. As the uninvolved vehicle turned, Stivers backed up from the intersection to allow more room. Stivers then backed into Little. Stivers was driving a 1996 Peterbilt Tractor and Little was driving a 2004 Lincoln LS.~~

THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT THE FOLLOWING ARRESTS:

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On August 22, officers were dispatched by 911 to 427 White Ave. for a juvenile stating someone was trying to harm her. Officers then went to 1301 West Park Ave to investigate the matter further. Subsequent to investigation, Christopher Morgason, 33, of Taylorville was arrested for sale or gift of alcohol to a minor. Christopher Morgason was released from the Taylorville Police Department on a notice to appear.

8-12-14 5A  
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### CCSO Reports 1 Injured in Crash on Thursday

The Christian County Sheriff's Office reports that one person was injured following a 1-vehicle crash on Thursday. Around 6:55am, 44-year-old Robert C. Wood of Edinburg was traveling southbound on County Highway 5. Just north of County Highway 20, Wood went to follow the slight curve to the left but Wood told police that the vehicle continued straight. Wood's vehicle reportedly exited the roadway to the right, went over a private lane, and entered the west ditch, striking several small trees. Wood continued in a southwest direction before striking the northeast corner of the oil battery containment dike/berm before coming to a rest. Wood's vehicle received major front end and front passenger side damage. Wood was taken to Taylorville Memorial Hospital for injuries described as minor by the report.

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| Economic development | 8/13/14                 | 6:20am  | 1min30sec | Christian County Economic Dev Corp exe dir tells where funding comes from          |
| Economic development | 8/21/14                 | 8:21am  | 1min30sec | CCEDC exe dir says completion of Rt 29 will make a difference                      |
| Economic development | 9/30/14                 | 11:20am | 3min      | Greater Taylorville Chamber Chillifest Committee meets for final time before event |
| Economic development | 9/29/14                 | 12:20pm | 1min30sec | Christian Co Historical Society involved in County 175 <sup>th</sup> Celebration   |
| Economic development | 8/9/14                  | 3:21pm  | 1min      | CEFS Board of Directors meet                                                       |

8-13-14 5A

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## CCEDC: No Taxpayer Funding

Most people don't realize where the funding comes from for the Christian County Economic Development Corporation. Mary Renner, Director of Economic Development for the CCEDC says surprisingly, no taxpayer money is involved:

Key 5 .....is very economical. (1:00)

Renner says the CCEDC is currently focusing on developing a new industrial park for Taylorville near Rt. 29.

8-22-14 SA

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## Completion of Route 29 Will make a Difference: Renner

After nearly 25 years of effort, the completion of Route 29's expansion is expected soon. Mary Renner, Director of the Christian County Economic Development Corporation tells Regional Radio News the 4 lane highway will make an economic difference for the area:

Key 1

.....the State of Illinois.

(53)

Having a 4 lane Route 29 all the way to Springfield is expected to attract more businesses to the area.



Start at 5am Tues 9/30/14. rjm

The Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce Chillifest Committee met for the final time before this weekend's event, on Monday afternoon in the Chamber board room.

Event chairperson Greg Hornbuckle told Regional Radio News after the meeting, that this year's event footprint will be bigger than past years.

H HORNBUCKLE CUT1 SEPT 29 14 TUES KEY H :12

And, Hornbuckle said the side streets off the Taylorville square, will be used this year.

J HORNBUCKLE CUT2 SEPT 29 14 TUES KEY J :15

Part of the increased footprint, says Hornbuckle, is the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Taylorville and Christian County, which is also happening this weekend on the square and at the Historical Society grounds, with a shuttle running between the 2 venues.

K HORNBUCKLE CUT3 SEPT 29 14 TUES KEY K :8

We asked Hornbuckle what one or two items he was looking forward to the most this weekend.

L HORNBUCKLE CUT4 SEPT 29 14 TUES KEY L :12

The annual Chillifest is the Chamber's biggest fund-raiser of the year, and also hosts 2 days of International Chilli Society judging.

For more information on the Taylorville Chillifest as well as the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Taylorville and Christian County, go to [chillifest-dot-info](http://chillifest-dot-info), and that's Chillifest with 2-L's.

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## Historical Society a Big Part of Chillifest, 175<sup>th</sup>

The Christian County Historical Society Museum will be a big part of the upcoming Chillifest and 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Jody Heberling of the Historical Society says there will be several special things going on:

Key 5 .....back in time. (:53)

The Historical Society Museum is near the intersection of Routes 48 and 29.

8-9-14 Sa awm

#### C.E.F.S. Board of Directors Held 49th Annual Meeting

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation, Board of Directors held their 49th annual board meeting in Effingham on August 7 with over 200 people in attendance. C.E.F.S. showcased their annual accomplishments in helping people and changing lives.

CEO Paul White indicated that the organization had very effectively served the needs of the communities' limited-income population in the service delivery area. White said 27,910 people received agency services, with the assistance of 247 local community partners and with the help of 4,028 volunteers providing 144,972 volunteer hours the agency was able to provide local coordinated efforts to benefit limited-income people.

More information about C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation can be obtained on the agency website at [www.cefseoc.org](http://www.cefseoc.org) or by calling 217/342-2193 or by contacting your local county C.E.F.S. outreach office.

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| Education            | 8/12/14                 | 7:20am  | 4min     | Taylorville School Board meets                                       |
| Education            | 9/30/14                 | 9:21am  | 1min     | State Rep says carbon monoxide detectors in schools a local decision |
| Education            | 9/29/14                 | 12:20pm | 1min     | Cowden-Herrick Schools Announce Petitions available                  |
| Education            | 8/20/14                 | 3:21pm  | 1min     | Taylorville Schools Now Have AC                                      |
| Education            | 8/18/14                 | 4:20pm  | 1min     | Taylorville Public Library has good summer season                    |

8-12-14 SA  
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Taylorville School Board Reviews Tentative FY 15 Budget

The Taylorville School Board met Monday night and held a presentation on the tentative FY15 budget. Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says the biggest hurdle once again is the proration:

Key A ...with a positive fund (1:09)

Dr. Fuerstenau says while all funds are projected to have a positive fund balance at the end of FY15, all funds except for Working Cash and Fire Prevention & Safety are expected to have deficit spending. Fuerstenau added that the state has currently paid all that was owed to the district for FY14. The final hearing for the FY15 budget will take place at the September 8th meeting.

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The Taylorville School Board discussed the Mt. Auburn facility at their meeting Monday night. Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau says the Mt. Auburn village board voted at their last meeting to relinquish their option on the building which leaves the school board with the options to tear the building down or put it out for bid. Fuerstenau told the Board that they really need to weigh their options:

Key S ...to the village (:47)

The facility has been empty since 2005. The Board decided to discuss it further at the building committee meeting that will take place before the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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The Taylorville School Board also discussed the project for the Building Trades Program at the High School. One option the Board is looking at is working with a homeowner and local contractors on a house that is already under construction. The students would be given various tasks to get the hands on experience but it would come as no cost to the District. Member Jim Andruch says there have been some free labor concerns that have come up with this idea but he says it would be no different from other high school program projects:

Key D ...build a house (:45)

The other option the Board is considering is just doing in-class projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Detectors in Schools a Local Decision: Rosenthal

9-30-14 5A  
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About 150 teachers and students were sent to the hospital from North Mac Jr. High School in Girard recently, apparent victims of carbon monoxide poisoning. The incident has brought calls for mandatory carbon monoxide detectors in Illinois schools.

Representative Wayne Rosenthal of Morrisonville says having the detectors is a great idea, but spending decisions should be made at the local level:

Key 3                                  make those decisions.                  (:28)

Fortunately, none of the victims in Girard died of the carbon monoxide poisoning.

9-29-14 SA  
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## Cowden-Herrick Schools Announce Petitions Available

Even though November balloting is still weeks away, it's already time to start thinking about the next round of elections.

The Cowden-Herrick Schools have announced that nominating petitions are now available for the School Board. The terms of four board members are expiring: Dale Mahaffey, Jason Barnes, Mike Wheeler and Mike Myers.

To be eligible, candidates must be at least 18, a citizen of the U.S., and an Illinois resident living in the school district for at least a year. They must also be registered voters.

The nominating petitions can be picked at the County Clerk's Office in Shelbyville. The first day candidates can file the petitions in the Clerk's office is December 15th, with December 22nd the last day to file. The Shelby County Clerk's Office is in the County Courthouse at 301 East Main Street, in room 8 on the main floor.

The School Board elections will be held April 7th.

8-20-14  
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## Taylorville Schools Now Have Air Conditioning

Taylorville students shouldn't expect to miss school or be dismissed early this year because of the hot weather. Superintendent Dr. Greg Fursteneau tells Regional Radio News the school buildings are now air conditioned:

Key 3 .....and our students. (:31)

Taylorville Schools got back into session last Friday.



8-18-14 SA  
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## Good Summer Season For Taylorville Public Library

The Taylorville Public Library is making the transition away from its summer schedule. Head Librarian Dorothy Siles tells Regional Radio they had a successful season:

Key 5 .....reward would be. (:54)

The Taylorville Public Library is at 121 W. Vine St. in Taylorville.

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| Health               | 9/27/14                 | 12:20pm | 1min30sec | Pana Comm.Hospital Touts Breast Care Program        |
| Health               | 9/25/14                 | 2:21pm  | 1min30sec | Mobile Food Pantry in Taylorville                   |

8-26-14 5A

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08-19-14 at 5am ED

### **Taylorville Community Blood Drive**

Lincoln Land Community College in Taylorville is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm. Lincoln Land is located at 800 South Spresser Street in Taylorville. This blood drive is to help ensure an adequate blood supply for our region. Call the blood center to sign up at 1-866-GIVE-BLD or schedule an appointment online using sponsor code 60145 at [bloodcenterimpact.org](http://bloodcenterimpact.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.

8-28-14 SA  
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## Drug Take Back, Safety Seat Check Next Month

Another drug take back day is coming up. Taylorville Deputy Chief of Police Brian Hile says disposing of old prescription drugs properly is important for a lot of reasons:

Key 9 .....intended to do. (:43)

There will be a car seat safety check going on that same day. Again, that will be Saturday September 27 from 10am till 2pm.

8-28-14 SA  
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## Medicine Shoppe Offers Free Antibiotics

A Taylorville pharmacy is offering free antibiotics for children. Carl Emmerling and his wife Donna Kovack Emmerling recently took over the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy. Emmerling says the are kids back in school and that means colds flu and other ailments can't be far behind:

Key 3 .....in that endeavor. (:49)

The Medicine Shoppe is at 102 W. Park in Taylorville. ~~If you want to find out more about the free antibiotics, call toll-free 1-800-876-2658.~~

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SA MC

## Pana Community Hospital Touts Breast Care Program

Breast cancer is treatable if caught early, and one local hospital is offering a new program to address the problem. Cindy Miles, Diagnostic Imaging Manager for Pana Community Hospital explains:

Key 7 .....at our hospital. (1:02)

Miles says there is help available for those unable to afford a mammogram. Call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Pana Community Hospital at 562-6366.

9-25-14

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## Mobile Food Pantry This Weekend

Some of your neighbors in Christian County don't know where their next meal will come from. That's known as being "food insecure" and you might be surprised at how common it is. If you fall into this category, you should know that there is help coming this weekend. Krista Lisser, Public Relations Manager for the Central Illinois Food Bank says the Mobile Food Pantry will visit Taylorville:

Key E

.....your food home with. (:29)

The food is distributed on a first come first served basis. It goes fast, so you're advised to get there early. You don't need to have any proof of income level or need in order to access the goods.

Again, the Central Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be at Taylorville High School this Saturday (9-27) starting at 10am.