

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

4/1/13 – 6/30/13

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Health	4/18/13	6:20am	1:30	Taylorville Care Center
Health	4/24/13	8:20am	1:00	PCH
Health	5/2/13	9:21pm	1:30	Taylorville Memorial Hospital
Health	5/10/13	11:22pm	1:00	Blood Drive
Health	6/27/13	2:21pm	1:30	Gowin Parc

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Elder Care Changing in America

Times change, and our methods of caring for the elderly changes with them. A pair of facilities in Taylorville provides a good example of that. Suzi Johnson of Taylorville Estates says they are right next door to Taylorville Care Center:

[audio:johnsontvlestates041813.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Rhonda Baker of Taylorville Care Center says it's really convenient for the two facilities to be next door to each other:

[audio:bakertvllcare041813.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call Taylorville Estates at 824-2222, or Taylorville Care Center at 824-9636.

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2013 Pana Community Hospital Wellness Event This Saturday

The Pana Community Hospital Wellness Event 2013 is this Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Pana High School. The grand prize is two season passes to the Muni and a \$50 gift card compliments of Peoples Bank & Trust. The Muni is an outdoor theater near Lake Springfield. Performances for this summer include Les Miserables, Dreamgirls, Peter Pan, and RENT. Everyone who attends the Wellness event can register to win the grand prize. Drawing will be held at the conclusion of the event.

Over thirty health related agencies and businesses will host a booth at this year's event. Many agencies are providing a variety of screenings open to the public and all screenings are absolutely FREE.

New to the event are health related presentations to be held at 9:30am, 10:30am, and 11:30am during the wellness event. Each presentation will be held in the commons area just outside the main gym at the high school. Participants who are browsing the booths may take time to listen to one or all three of the presentations being held throughout the morning.

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Taylorville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary to Host "Run for Your Bone" Fund Raiser

The Taylorville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is putting on a 5k run Saturday. Event committee member Ashly Basso says it's not too late to register for the run.

The fun run 5k run and walk will be held on Saturday May 4th at the hospital.

Each year the auxiliary earmarks where the money raised at the event will go. This year the money has been pledged to help offset the costs for the new bone density machine that the hospital has purchased. Hence, the name for this year's event, "The Run for Your Bones" 5k Run and Walk. There will also be a children's race for kids 10 and under.

Taylorville Memorial Hospital used to borrow a bone density machine from other medical facilities and is very happy to have one of their own. A bone density machine tests skeletal strength and also tells if patients are at risk for a fracture.

The new bone density machine will be at the race so that participants and fans can have their bone density tested to see if they are at risk for bone weakness.

Everyone is invited to participate in the "Run for your Bones" event on Saturday, May 4th at Taylorville Memorial Hospital. Registration will be at 8:30 Saturday morning and the run will begin at 9. Register for the event by calling 824-1843 or download an entry form at Taylorvillememorial.org, Registrations will be accepted up to the morning of the event. Pre-registration fees will be \$15, registration fees the morning of the event will be \$20. Sign up by 8:30 am the morning of the race and the race itself will begin at 9:00.

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Two Blood Drives in Shelbyville

Spring and summer bring more activity and more need for donated blood. In Shelbyville, a blood drive takes place from noon till 4pm at Shelbyville Manor in the Hawthorne Inn's Bounce Back Addition. Tad Mayhall of the Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce says there will be another one coming up as well:

[audio:tad2blood051013.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call the Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce at 774-2221 for more information.

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Gowin Parc Opens New Location in Paris

Gowin Parc is opening up a new location. Theresa Gowin, owner of Gowin Parc, tells Regional Radio News that a fourth location will be opened in Paris and residents will be moving in this Friday:

Key A ... memory care in Paris :41

Gowin adds that Memory Care is what Gowin Parc is all about:

Key S ... that's all we do :20

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday at Noon. Gowin Parc is a residence for patients suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia, but also is an Independent Living Facility that operates in Mattoon, Pana, and Taylorville. The new Gowin Parc in Paris is located at 705 Kenton Street. For more information about Gowin Parc in Paris, call 463-3003 or visit www.gowinparc.com.

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City Government	4/1/13	9:20am	1:30	City Council
City Government	4/11/13	10:21am	1:30	Lawsuit Against City
City Government	5/6/13	11:20am	1:30	Taylorville Board
City Government	5/29/13	1:22pm	1:30	City Park Board
City Government	6/24/13	2:20pm	1:00	City Lawsuit Settlement

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Taylorville City Council Honors Wrestlers, Deals With Budget Issues Monday

The Taylorville City Council held a one-hour meeting in regular session Monday night, and before getting down to business on a number of motions, Mayor Greg Brotherton and council members honored the Taylorville High School wrestling team and coaches that were in attendance, for an outstanding season. Mayor Brotherton told the audience that under 3rd year head coach Lee Mateer, this year's T-H-S wrestling team won the Central State 8 Conference championship, the Illinois State High School Association regional they participated in, the sectional, and qualified to participate in the state finals. Brotherton added that 8 wrestlers from Taylorville, were named to the Central State 8 All-Conference team. The team and coaches were given applause for their accomplishments this school year.

Taylorville aldermen Monday night addressed a number of contentious issues during their one-hour session, with one of them being whether or not a sweet gum tree should be removed from the boulevard at 310 Richmond Street. Some residents in the neighborhood asked city crews to take the tree down, saying the sweet gum balls were clogging the storm sewer basin in that area. The issue went to the Taylorville Tree Board, which voted to leave it up. Then it went to the city council street committee, which voted 2 to 2, so the issue then was brought to the full City Council for a vote. After long discussion, a motion was made to take the tree down, with the full Council vote being 4 to 4 Monday night, and Mayor Greg Brotherton voted no, asking that the request be sent back to the Tree Board. Some aldermen are concerned that there isn't a specific city policy for taking down existing trees on Taylorville's boulevards.

The Taylorville City Council Monday night voted 6 to 2, to approve applying for an Illinois Community Development Assistance Program, or CDAP, grant, to help pay for separating storm and sanitary sewers along East Main Cross.

The vote wasn't without a lot of discussion, with some aldermen saying other larger projects the city is facing, should take priority. While the CDAP grant provides 80-percent funding for the total project cost of 150-thousand dollars, the City of Taylorville has to come up with the remaining 20-percent, or 30-thousand dollars. Alderman Martin Vota was one of 2 Taylorville aldermen that voted no, telling Regional Radio News that much larger projects that may be forced upon the city, are on the horizon.

[audio:VotaaudioApr113.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Alderman Earl Walters, who made the motion to seek the grant, said that while he understood the concerns of aldermen who want other wards of the city to benefit from city projects, this one will benefit several areas of the city.

[audio:WaltersaudioApr113.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The motion to apply for the grant passed 6 to 2. During his mayoral comments Monday night during Taylorville's City Council meeting, Mayor Greg Brotherton came out in support of the

April 9th ballot initiative to raise sales tax in Christian County, one-percent to benefit construction and maintenance of school buildings in school districts thru-out the county.

Mayor Brotherton told Regional Radio News, that children are our future and that's why he's supporting the referendum.

[audio:BrothertonaudioApr113.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The initiative will be on ballots thru-out Christian County on April 9th.

Taylorville aldermen acted on a number of motions that came out of committee, in their Monday night meeting at City Hall. The council OK'd a cabin cleaning services contract with Carole Howell for lake cabins this year; they amended the enterprise zone agreement with the county; they raised water rates for industrial users inside the city limits of Taylorville; they OK'd the sale of some personal property owned by the city; and voted to send a letter of support for the C-E-F-S Economic Opportunity Corporation's Home Buyer Assistance Program.

Taylorville City Council members Monday night voted 7 to one to repair an existing pump near the Taylorville prison costing some 42-hundred dollars, they purchased a new lawn tractor for Oak Hill Cemetery costing just over 64-hundred dollars after trade, and directed city attorney David Fines to amend an existing ordinance regarding the maximum fee that can be charged on a qualified enterprise zone project, to 50-thousand dollars. Taylorville aldermen approved working with the Taylorville Tree Board for plans to landscape the Municipal Building, they accepted Waste Management's bid for trash hauling for the next 2 years; they OK'd directing city attorney David Fines to change the ordinance regarding tree pruning to state that there must be 14 feet of clear space above a street or sidewalk instead of the present 8 feet; they OK'd a bid from Phil Tullis Excavating to clean an existing storm sewer catch basin in the East Park Street viaduct costing some 35-hundred dollars; and voted to move some funds in order to have monies available for further home demolition when the city condemns property.

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Christian County Intergrated Community Services Files Suit Against City of Taylorville Over Hathaway Homes Project

Regional Radio News has learned that Christian County Integrated Community Services has filed a lawsuit against the City of Taylorville over its treatment of the agency's proposed Hathaway Homes subsidized housing subdivision.

C-C-I-C-S and the City have tangled at various levels over the past few months. The City Planning Commission approved the project, only for the City Council to reject the project initially, then after a 2-and-a-half closed session at another meeting, coming back into open session to vote 4 to 4 with Mayor Greg Brotherton casting the deciding vote to allow the project to take place.

C-C-I-C-S then submitted to the Planning Commission, the preliminary plans for the project, which the Planning Commission approved, only for the Taylorville City Council to reject them.

The agency has warned the city ever since the process began, that they could bring a law suit against the city, claiming the city has no grounds to turn the project down.

Some Taylorville aldermen have heard from residents that they don't want the project to be built, but C-C-I-C-S contends it has met every city statute and code and the city has no reason to deny it.

Taylorville City officials are not making any comment on the law suit, but aldermen had previously scheduled a budget committee meeting for later this month to determine if the city had the funds to hire a 2nd opinion lawyer that could also defend them in the event a lawsuit was filed.

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SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS TOOK PLACE AT MONDAY NIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Taylorville City Council Chambers were filled Monday evening as the swearing in ceremony of elected officials was held.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Paisley. Taking the Oath of Office were Mayor - Greg Brotherton, City Clerk - Pam Peabody, Newly Elected City Treasurer - Jaque Nation, Ward I Alderman - Larry Budd, Ward II Alderman - Rob Heberling, Ward IV Alderman - Shawn Burtle

Also taking the Oath of Office, was the new City Attorney Rocci Romano. The council approved Rocci Ramono 7-0. Mayor Brotherton thanked Attorney David Fines for his years of service, and said they were wanting a "style change" in City Hall.

Others taking the Oath of Office were City Engineer Joe Greene, and Superintendents Dick Wiseman - Street & Sewer, George Calvert - Health & Building, David Speagle - Water, Dave Herpstreith - Chief of Police, Alan Jackson - Lake, Bill Newberry - Cemetery Sexton & Airport Manager, Cindy Brown - Human Resources.

A special recognition was presented to retiring Alderman John Lawrence who was given a plaque for his service. Also, receiving very special recognition was retiring City Treasurer Terri France. She was awarded with a plaque, and an engraved vase. All seven City Council members that were present at the meeting handed a red rose to Terri and Mayor Brotherton presented Terri with a white rose for her years of dedication and service to the City of Taylorville as City Treasurer.

The Monday evening City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

((((((((((5-29-13 5am awm))))))))))

Taylorville Park District Has Heated Debate Over Increased Charges

The Taylorville Park District had a heated debate over a prevailing wage increase from Cyde Enterprises for a gutter replacement job at their meeting Tuesday night. The increase of 1468-dollars was not in the original bid presented to the board but was in a second contract that was signed by Operations Manager for Lakeshore Golf Course Jason Boldig without board approval. Board member Jim McCoy voiced his opinion saying that the charge is unfair and is not happy with Cyde:

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

The board agreed to not approve the payment until a payroll and list of supplies is provided and will hold back if Cyde refuses to provide proof. The board expects to have to pay the increase but all members agreed that they have to learn from this mistake.

Two Car Cruises were approved by the Taylorville Park District Tuesday night. The first will be held by the 40 Mile an Hour Club on Sunday September 8th from 10am-4pm at the Chautauqua Auditorium. There will be no charge for the event as Luke McLeod from the 40 Mile an Hour Club says it will be donation based:

[audio:mcleodnocarge052913.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The second Car Cruise is to be put on by the Kids R Kids group on September 28th from 4-9pm at the Manners Park Dining Hall. Right now there is a 7-dollar entry free and there will also be a live band. Further details on the event are still being put together.

The Manners Park Pool is preparing to open as soon as weather permits it. Recreation Director Baily Hancock gave her report at the Taylorville Park District meeting Tuesday night and says they have plenty of lifeguards ready to go for the summer:

[audio:hancocklifeguards052913.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hancock also noted the Running Club has low attendance but she hopes more people will start to come out over the summer:

[audio:hancockrunningclub052913.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Running Club meets on Saturdays at 8am and weather permitting morning water aerobics will begin on Monday, June 3rd.

The Taylorville Park District took care of many business items at their meeting Tuesday night. They approved a resolution to abolish the Taylorville Parks Foundation Certificate of Deposit and checking account. They will use the money from that to purchase new park benches.

They approved the annual budget for the fiscal year from March 2nd, 2013 to February 28, 2014. They also agreed to take the nice neighbor approach after having someone park a boat for several weeks on the Perkinson's Property. The board decided to send a signed ordinance to the people living in the house near there letting them know where the park's property ended and theirs begins. They also approved bills for Skinner Limited's testing and work on a new well and Ricci Plumbing putting in a new gast compressor and alarm that is needed with the recent moving of the septic tank at Lakeshore Golf Course.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

((((((((6-24-13 5am awm)))))))))

City Reaches Settlement Over Hathaway Homes Project

A settlement has been reached in the Hathaway Homes Subdivision lawsuit. The lawsuit had been filed by Christian County Integrated Services and Siegrist Builders in an attempt to recover alleged losses which they claim occurred as a result of the City's delay in approving the project. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton tells Regional Radio News he is glad to see an agreement come about:

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

The settlement amount is reportedly \$30,000 which is considerably less than the potential \$100,000 plus amount originally sought.

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County Gov't	4/28/13	10:22am	1:30	Coroner
County Gov't	5/10/13	12:21pm	1:30	Sheriff
County Gov't	5/29/13	2:21pm	1:00	Sheriff
County Gov't	6/5/13	4:22pm	1:00	Food Pantry

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Christian County Board Declines Gift of Sharpsburg Property from Wells Fargo

The Christian County Board had an opportunity to accept the gift of property offered to them by Wells Fargo. The property was currently in repossession and would be transferred to the Board with a free and clear title. Chairman Schmitz stated that he had looked at the property and that some major work would need to be done on the bathroom, but over all, it was pretty solid property. It was pointed out that the County would need to keep the property insured and mowed until such time that it sold. Board member Pearce stated his misgivings about getting into property and especially in light of the fact that the property had been for sale for an extended period and had not sold. After some discussion, it was decided by the board to decline the gift.

In other business, the board approved the purchase of several pieces of equipment including 2 chip spreaders from Woody's Municipal Supply for \$9,936. The purchase of 2 snow plows, one 12' reversible and one expressway, were approved in the amount of \$9800 from Valk Manufacturing. Permission was once again given to the Christian County National Day of Prayer Task for the use of the north portico. The portico will be used for the annual Bible Reading Marathon from Saturday, April 27th through Tuesday, April 30th.

There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of renting out the Courthouse for special events. Much of the discussion centered around the ability to serve alcohol. It was decided that the Highway, Building, Grounds Committee would present a possible plan at the next board meeting.

It was decided to split special funds that are set aside in the County's budget in the amount of \$300, between Twin Pines Cemetery in Pana and Langley Cemetery in Langleyville as had been done for the past several years. It was also agreed to allow the sale of an old laptop to Colleen Hadley. The laptop had been appraised in the amount of \$350 by CTI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

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Christian County Coroner Amy Calvert Winans Releases Name of Weekend Accident Victim

Christian County Coroner Amy Calvert Winans has released the name of a Taylorville woman killed in a head on collision this weekend.

The accident, which occurred just before 10:00 Saturday night, happened on Route 104 about a half mile west of Kincaid. According to reports from the Illinois State Police, a Chevy S-10 crossed the center line for unknown reasons, hitting head-on a Ford F-150 driven by 33 year-old Christopher M. Norris of Taylorville. Norris and a passenger, 46 year-old Don D. Humphrey of Morrisonville were both taken to the hospital with what were described as non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Chevy S-10, 49 year old Debra Patterson of Taylorville was pronounced dead on the scene.

Christian County Coroner Amy Calvert Winans office says an autopsy will take place Monday in Bloomington. The investigation is being handled by the Illinois State police.

Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the crash. Police say all of the occupants were wearing seatbelts.

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Sheriff Warns of a New Scam

Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp is warning citizens of a current scam occurring on seniors as Mother's Day approaches. Seniors are receiving calls saying that their children have purchased a life alert system for them at the cost of \$400.00 as a Mothers Day gift. The scamster then tells the seniors that there is a monthly fee of \$30.00 and that they would need a credit card number to make the monthly payments.

Calls have been received by seniors living in both Christian and Shelby County. Sheriff Kettelkamp would like to remind seniors to never give out their credit card information or any bank information to anyone. Please notify your local Law Enforcement Agency if you have any information concerning scams occurring in your area.

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Sheriff: Some Convenience Stores Still Peddling Synthetic Pot

Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp says some area convenience stores are still selling synthetic marijuana, despite new laws prohibiting the substance:

[audio:sheriffconveniencestores052813.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again, the Sheriff says you should contact your local police agent if you see the substances being sold.

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Christian County Needs Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry visited Mt. Auburn recently, giving out tons of food. Kayleigh Friend of the Central Illinois Food Pantry says Christian County has demonstrated a special need for the service:

[audio:friendcccounty060613.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Friend says a family at a recent food giveaway made her remember why they do the workd they do:

[audio:friendwhyshedoesit060613.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Central Illinois Food Pantry recently move into a larger facility in Springfield. The organization helps hungry families in 21 Central Illinois counties.

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Econ Development	4/25/13	9:21am	1:30	New Business
Econ Development	5/10/13	11:20am	1:00	Business Remodeling
Econ Development	5/23/13	1:22pm	1:45	Fiber Optic Project
Econ Development	6/24/13	3:21pm	1:45	Tenaska Project

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Los Rancheros Mexican Restaurant in Taylorville Open

After months of remodeling and anticipation, Los Rancheros Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Taylorville opened its doors April 1st in the Grand Plaza Shopping Center on Bidwell Street in Taylorville.

Assistant Manager Maria Lopez, says her family owns two restaurants in Springfield and they decided to come here after several comments from customers:

[audio:losrancheros040313.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Customers can expect typical Mexican dishes - but they also offer a new variety of entree's - seafood and steaks.

Maria adds that they offer a re-invented variety of drinks in the lounge. Skinny Rita - a fresh citrus margarita is one of their favorites. Top shelf tequilla's, import beers and lots of margarita choices.

All their decor in Los Rancheros and the dishes and beverage glasses are imported from Mexico. The pillars inside were handmade in Mexico. Los Rancheros Mexican Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner! Carry-outs are also available.

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Grand Opening Saturday: The Outdoor Shop

One of Taylorville's newest businesses is planning a Grand Opening this Saturday. Brian Johnson, who along with his wife Tina owns The Outdoor Shop, says they'll have food, prizes and more:

[audio;johnsonoutdoorshop042513.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Outdoor Shop is at 1020 Nectar Lane, just off of N. Cheney across from the FS station.

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Cottage Rose Gift Shoppe Gets Fresh New Look

Cottage Rose Gift Shoppe on the east side of the Taylorville Square has an updated look. Owner Shelia Yost says they decided it was time to do a little remodeling. They painted the walls in the front of the store dark gray, and complimented them with bright colors. Yost says this new look has really opened up the front of the store. She says they relocated the candy.

Cottage Rose has a new line of decor - throw pillows, signs, plaques, metal and tinware. Yost says they have lots custom gift baskets for Mother's Day - and invites everyone to stop in and take a look at their new remodel.

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Work Starts in June On CTI Upgrade

Taylorville will soon be one of the very few high tech cities in the nation offering increased internet speeds. Computer Techniques will begin construction next month on a project designed to bring fiber optic internet technology to Taylorville. Co-owner of CTI Billy Williams says there is a big difference between Copper wire technology and fiber optics.

[audio:williamsopcticcapacity052113.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The work, which begins next month, will take about 2 and a half years to complete.

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Mayor: Tenaska Project a Victim of Politics

The Tenaska group officially called off the power plant project, which would have brought hundreds of jobs and billions of dollars in investment to Christian County. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton tells Regional Radio News that he got word last week from Bart Ford, Vice President of Development for the Tenaska Group:

[audio:mayortenaskafinal062413.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The project would have required passage of special legislation to implement. It was opposed mainly by environmental groups like the Sierra Club, and by Exelon, the company giant which stood to lose millions of dollars had the plant been built,

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Education		4/29/13	6:20am	1:00	Superintendent Fuersteneau
Education		5/6/13	9:21am	1:30	LLCC
Education		5/21/13	11:20pm	1:30	Taylorville School District
Education		6/10/13	1:22pm	1:00	Taylorville School Board

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April a Busy Time for LLCC

There's a lot going on for Lincoln Land Community College. Tisha Miller, Operations Analyst for Lincoln Land Taylorville/Litchfield, says April is a busy month:

[audio:millerllccapril040213.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call Lincoln Land's Taylorville office for more information: (800) 572-5448.

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School Employees Face Layoffs, Reduced Hours

The consequences of the State of Illinois' failure to pay schools their expected funding are now being felt. Superintendent of Taylorville Schools Dr. Greg Fursteneau says some people are losing their jobs while others are seeing their hours reduced:

[audio:fursteneaulayoffs042513.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The state is millions of dollars in arrears to the Taylorville School District.

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Scholarships at Lincoln Land

It's always a good time to think about securing scholarships. Scott Stallman of Lincoln Land Community College says the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce is one organization that offers help:

[audio:stallmanscholarship042913.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Lincoln Land has a satellite campus in Taylorville. The school's main campus is in Springfield.

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Taylorville Schools Prepare For Move Over Summer

The maintenance staff in the Taylorville School District has a busy summer ahead of them as they prepare to move classrooms out of South School due to its closing. Kindergarten, first and second grade will be moving into North; third and fourth will be moved into the Memorial School System. Also the fifth grade is moving to the Junior High building so those classrooms will need to be moved as well. Superintendent Gregg Feurstenau says the move will still be a stretch but they have the space:

[audio:feurstenau-move-05-2013.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The last day of school for students is the 23rd and faculty will be done on the 24th. The moving process will begin shortly after.

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Taylorville School Board Approves News Phone System

The updated amounts of the Mitel phone system were given to the Taylorville School Board at their meeting Monday night. The board called for a re-bid at last month's meeting due to specification issues between the three companies that could provide the system: Midco in the Chicago area, TechElectronics in the St. Louis area, and NewWave/Heart in the Taylorville and Decatur areas. Despite Midco being the lower than NewWave/Heart by 126-dollars, Technology Direct Chris Kuntzman still preferred NewWave because of the localism factor:

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

Board member David Cowell wanted to go with the lower bid and said location is not an issue:

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

The majority of the board, however, voted to approve the Mitel phone system through NewWave/Heart.

The Taylorville School Board was presented with a letter and petition in regards to the possible discontinuation of Early Bird classes at the Taylorville High School at their meeting Monday night. Junior Brent Frump, who was unable to attend the meeting, had a letter addressing the board read asking them to not let this happen:

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

The board will discuss the topic at a special session before July's board meeting.

The Taylorville Schools are in the process of moving classrooms out of South School due to its closing. Superintendent Dr. Greg Feurstenau said in his report at the Taylorville School Board meeting Monday night that process is going well:

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

Kindergarten, first and second grade are being moved into North; third and fourth will be moved into the Memorial School System, and the fifth grade is being moved into the Junior High building.