

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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County Gov	1/17/23	8:00 AM	:29	Coroner Report
County Gov	1/18/23	4:22 PM	:48	Board meeting jan
County Gov	1/27/23	11:22 AM	:27	Shelby County Jan
County Gov	3/4/23	3:22 PM	:36	TVL Attorney elected
County Gov	3/21/23	7:00 AM	:41	County Board

RUN AS OF 1/17/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County Coroner's Office has released its 2022 statistics.

Christian County Coroner Amy Calvert-Winans reported in 2022 the Christian County Coroner's Office handled 346 deaths. This compares to 383 in 2021.

The most notable number of 2022 was that the coroner's office approved and issued 237 cremations permits. This is up from 211 in 2021. All deaths that occur in Christian County that request cremation must be approved by the coroner of that county.

RUN AS OF 1/18/23

AFTER 6AM

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Christian County Board met on Tuesday evening for their January board meeting. The board approved the hiring of Miranda Langen to Ward 4 to replace Matt Wells, who resigned in December. Bryan Sharp, Christian County Board Chair spoke on the recommendation. Dr. Chad Anderson was introduced as the new Health Department Director. Committee reports were discussed. One of the big motions that was discussed was a new electrical gate that would be installed at Animal Control. The board heard from Jeff Stoner with the EMA who announced he was updating the official information book. The next board meeting is set for Tuesday, February 21st, 2023.

RUN AS OF 1/27/23

AFTER 6AM

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Shelby County Board will meet on January 30th at 7 PM in courtroom A for a special Shelby County Board meeting. The main priority of the meeting will be to fill the position of Shelby County State's Attorney. Former Shelby County State's Attorney Nicole Kroncke announced her resignation in late December Kroncke says that she has accepted a position with the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Office, Special Prosecution Unit beginning February 1, 2023.

RUN AS OF 3/4/23

AFTER 6AM

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A Taylorville attorney has been named an associate judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit. Nathan A. Frisch of Beavers, Calvert, Brotheton, and Frisch has been voted in by the Fourth Judicial Circuit Judges. Marcia M. Meis, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts made the announcement early in February. Frisch says he is humbled by the decision. Frisch will serve everywhere in Central Illinois except for Christian County for the next three years. Frisch was sworn in on Friday afternoon and will start serving next week.

RUN AS OF 3/21/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Christian County Board is set to meet this evening at 6:30 PM. After approval of minutes, the board will hear from the public, review appointments, and go over a project update from CTI. Under highway, the board will hear some ARPA requests, go over zoning, solid waste, and highway business, the board will also hear from animal control and go over courthouse needs. The next board meeting is April 18th. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for a complete review of the meeting following the conclusion of the event.

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City Govt	2/21/23	8:00 AM	:48	City Council To Meet
City Govt	2/24/23	4:22 PM	:33	Electric provider
City Govt	2/27/23	11:22 AM	:24	Park Board Feb
City Govt	3/9/23	3:22 PM	:31	Work being done
City Govt	3/15/23	7:00 AM	:43	Boil Order Issued

RUN AS OF 2/21/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Taylorville City Council will meet this evening at 7 PM for their regular city council meeting. The board will recognize the THS Girls Bowling Team. After review and approval of minutes the board will look at some ordinances and a look at approving the 2023 Calendar of Events and special events for Small Town Taylorville. Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry is also looking to approve Abby Turner to the library board.

Under committee reports, the board will look to approve the purchase of a controller from Schulte Supply and approve the treasurer's report. The board will hear from City Attorney Romano and Mayor Barry. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more on this meeting following the conclusion of the event.

RUN AS OF 2/24/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The City of Taylorville will have a new service providing electric for homeowners and small businesses. Constellation NewEnergy got the low bid to serve the city's energy program with a proposal to supply electricity at 11.924 cents per kilowatt hour. That rate is fixed for 18 months beginning in April. Ameren's current rate is 11.833 cents per kilowatt hour. Peter Millburg is the senior manager of regulatory compliance for Ameren Illinois. He says he doesn't care who the consumer chooses for electricity. Consumers have a choice. If you have any questions, please call 833-367-3675.

RUN AS OF 2/27/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Taylorville Park Board is set to meet Monday evening at 7 PM. The board will approve minutes and review the treasurer's report. The board will also hear from Jason Boldig with the Lakeshore Golf Course to talk irrigation updates and upgrades and talk the cart path. Ameren Illinois' Nichole Shewmaker, will talk permanent easement lines. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more following the conclusion of the event.

RUN AS OF 3/9/23

AFTER 6AM

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IDOT will be replacing a bridge over Big Moccasin Creek near Beecher City. Work is set to begin March 15th about 4 miles south of Illinois 33 in Beecher City. Illinois 128 between Beecher City and west of Altamont will be closed to traffic.

A detour utilizing Illinois 33 and U.S. 40 through Effingham and Altamont will be posted. Only local traffic will be permitted on Illinois Route 128 between County Road 1550 N and County Road 1425 N. As always, check out IDOTDistrict7 on Twitter, and www.gettingaroundillinois.com.

RUN AS OF 3/15/23

After 6am

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The Village of Edinburg issued a boil order at 8 AM on Tuesday. The public Water Supply issued the boil order for customers located from Franklin and Wilkinson Street intersection going west to Sangchris State Park.

Water supply personnel will return the system to normal operation as soon as possible after bacteriological samples demonstrate that the water is safe for domestic use. Customers in the affected are encouraged to treat all water for drinking or culinary purposes by bringing it to a rolling boil for at least 5 minutes.

For more information contact Superintendent Mike Lebshier at 623-5542.

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Economic Development	1/10/23	4:22 PM	:33	Lake Shelbyville hiring
Economic Development	1/16/23	11:22 AM	:38	Ameren costs
Economic Development	2/3/23	3:22 PM	:39	Chamber events
Economic Development	3/17/23	7:00 AM	:41	Unemployment rates

RUN AS OF 1/9/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Miller Media Group along with BNG Administrative Services are recognizing a local business every month for their “Business of the Month.” This month Suessie’s Resale, at 216 South Main in Taylorville. The business, run by Becky Adcock and her daughter Co-owner Hailey Adcock were recognized for their hard work recently. The ladies were recognized with a certificate from Becky Edwards.

RUN AS OF 1/10/23

AFTER 6AM

AC

1MINUTE NEWSBREAK: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Shelbyville area is hiring. Natural Resource Specialist Brock Key says that they are looking for college students and recent graduates. There are a variety of positions available. If you aren't looking for employment, then the Corps is looking for volunteers. Key says that the Corps searches for basic qualifications. Learn more when you click on the link in this story at taylorvilledailynews.com.

RUN AS OF 1/16/23

AFTER 6AM

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Ameren Illinois wants customers to know they have taken extra steps to make sure they are doing all they can to keep costs down this winter. Ameren Illinois has natural gas storage capabilities with 12 underground fields located across Illinois to provide ample supplies and price stability through the entire heating season. Steve Underwood, Director of Natural Gas Storage Fields for Ameren Illinois says that they are deep underground. For more information on Ameren Illinois visit www.ameren.com.

RUN AS OF 2/3/23

AFTER 6AM

AC

1MINUTE NEWSBREAK: Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce holding its 9th annual Scholarship Awareness Day from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 7th, at Taylorville High School. Chamber Executive Director Linda Allen says that it's a great opportunity for students to prospect community scholarship opportunities. Allen says this is also a great opportunity for local business to display their scholarship. She says that this scholarship awareness day benefits the entire community. Learn more at taylorvillechamber.com.

RUN AS OF 3/17/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Unemployment rates have seen decreases in all 14 metropolitan areas in Illinois in January according to data released by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Jobs were up in all metro areas except one. Deputy Governor, Andy Manar says that metro areas throughout the state are seeing consistent job growth across industry sectors. Christian County saw a 0.8% decrease, Montgomery saw a 0.4% decrease, Shelby saw a 0.6% decrease, and Sangamon saw a 1.1% decrease in unemployment numbers over the last year.

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Education	1/17/23	4:22 PM	:38	LLCC informational
Education	1/26/23	11:22 AM	:41	Winter storm safety
Education	2/23/23	3:22 PM	:46	Grain Bin safety
Education	2/24/23	7:00 AM	:39	FFA Events

RUN AS OF 1/5/23

AFTER 6AM

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When Damar Hamlin hit the ground after making a tackle in the Cincinnati Bengals/Buffalo Bills game, CPR was needed to save Hamlin's life. CPR is a life saving skill and OSF Healthcare pediatric wellness specialist Jordan Meeks says that it is a critical skill for young people to learn. AED will continue the cycle of shocks and CPR until the first responders arrive. Teaching hands-only CPR doesn't require certification, Meeks says. Someone can easily learn the tools and pass them on to others. Meeks encourages you to call your local first responders, your local hospital, or the American Red Cross to learn more about mouth-to-mouth resuscitation training.

RUN AS OF 1/17/23

AFTER 6AM

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There will be an informational meeting for interested individuals through LLCC that will help with those who want to become volunteer tutors with the college's adult education program. The meeting will be held January 19th, from 5-5:30 at the Taylorville Public Library at 121 West Vine Street. The session will provide details on the program, training, and requirements. Volunteers are needed to help adults improve their reading, math, and writing skills. For more information visit www.llcc.edu/adult-education or call 217-786-2752.

RUN AS OF 1/26/23

AFTER 6AM

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1MINUTE NEWSBREAK: While the worst of Wednesday's winter storm is over, it serves as a good reminder to give snow plows plenty of space. Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman says when winter conditions hit Central Illinois, workers of IDOT will be out in full force before, during, and after the storm. He adds this requires the public's cooperation. Illinois State Police Director Brenden Kelly advises against traveling in winter conditions. He says even going the speed limit can be too fast for some winter storms. He adds that you should give yourself extra time to get where you're going and give other drivers extra space.

RUN AS OF 2/21/23

AFTER 6AM

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The Illinois Department of Agriculture is working with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal are encouraging Illinois farmers to take some time to recognize Grain Bin Safety Week this week. Farmers are asked to review safety practices while working in and around grain bins.

For more information on grain bin safety and to find online training resources visit the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois at www.gfai.org, the Grain Handling and Safety Council at www.grainsafety.org, and the University of Illinois Extension at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/agsafety/equipment/grainbinsafety.cfm>.

RUN AS OF 2/24/23

AFTER 6AM

AC

1MINUTE NEWSBREAK: Edinburg FFA is a chance to create new opportunities. President Emily Schleyhahn (Sch-lay-hahn) says FFA has helped her grow. Vice President Gabe Clark has had multiple opportunities to improve his leadership skills. Secretary Wade Beck says he enjoys being part of a group with big goals. If you or a high-schooler you know isn't sure about FFA, Sentinel Maya Klotz has this to say – just do it. Edinburg FFA appeared on the WTIM Morning Show as part of National FFA Week.

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Healthcare	1/19/23	4:22 PM	:37	gallbladders
Healthcare	2/10/23	11:22 AM	:27	Heart month
Healthcare	2/13/23	3:22 PM	:30	Bike friendly
Healthcare	2/16/23	7:00 AM	:35	Food class

RUN AS OF 1/3/22

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LK

If you are pregnant and looking for a New Year's resolution, some doctors suggest taking a look at the amount of caffeine you're consuming. Children who were exposed to small amounts of caffeine before birth were shorter on average than those who were not, according to a recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Gaps in height weren't significant, but were detected at age 4-8 according to researchers. The findings were reported even in children of pregnant women who consumed less than 50 mg of caffeine per day on average, which is well below the current guidelines. Pregnant women should consume less than 200 mg of caffeine a day according to the American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

RUN AS OF 1/19/23

AFTER 6AM

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When people think of overall health, gallbladders probably aren't at the top of the list for many people, but when the gallbladder does have an issue, it can be fairly significant. Dr. Andrei Froehling, an OSF Healthcare general surgeon says that the gallbladder helps digest fatty foods. Doctors urge patients to treat and detect gallbladder issues early. That can be done by something as simple as just changing your diet. Talk to your primary care physician if you have any questions.

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February is heart month. Heart experts at Prairie Heart Institute share five reasons you may want to see a cardiologist. The biggest reason to see a cardiologist is if your primary care physician or provider asks you too. As your doctors know your health history, lifestyle, and current health concerns, this may warrant an appointment. To learn more about the doctors of Prairie, call 888-4PRAIRIE or visit www.prairieheart.org.

RUN AS OF 2/13/23

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An area hospital has earned a Bronze Business Award from the League of American Bicyclists. Taylorville Memorial Hospital has earned a BBA for its efforts to create a bike-friendly campus. The not-for-profit hospital's campus features covered and sheltered outdoor bike racks with security cameras and a bicycle fix-it station. An internal communications campaign has helped promote local, state, and national bicycle events to colleagues within the hospital.

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The University of Illinois Extension of Christian County will be offering a Certified Food Protection Managers class and exam. The Illinois Department of Public Health Food Sanitation Code requires food service establishments to be under the operational supervision of a certified food protection manager during hours of operation. Certificates must be renewed every five years and class attendance is mandatory to sit for the exam. You can register online at go.illinois.edu/foodmanagers or call 217-287-7246.