

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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County Govt	10/17/23	6:32 AM	:48	County Board October prestory
County Govt	10/25/23	7:12 AM	1:54	ZBA update
County Govt	10/27/23	8:32 AM	1:51	NASBLA award
County Govt	11/16/23	9:32 AM	1:46	New Rules
County Govt	11/21/23	11:32 AM	1:38	County Talks Ameren

RUN AS OF 10/17/23

AFTER 6AM

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The Christian County Board set to meet this evening at 6:30 at the Christian County Courthouse in Taylorville to discuss business, review ordinance, and hear from the public. After approval of minutes, public comments, and appointment announcements, the board will look at some ZBA amendments.

During committee reports, the board will discuss a Halloween parade, solid waste, zoning, highway, and courthouse business. The board will also hear from EMA, go over ordinance amendments, and take a look at a proposed amendment to the zoning code.

During new business, the board will go over economic development concerning the enterprise zone, and any other business that gets brought before the board. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more following the conclusion of the meeting.

RUN AS OF 10/25/23

AFTER 6AM

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The Christian County Zoning Board of Appeals met Tuesday evening to consider special use permits concerning Solar. Three requests were considered. Skyline Solar was approved with some changes including the location of the interface connection to Ameren lines and a move for an access road to the south of the property. Many residents of Christian County attended the meeting and spoke up concerning the project saying that they were fine with the project but didn't want it near their homes. They also felt that the solar farms would decrease their property value.

A special use permit for Pivot Energy was denied. This would have been a solar project that would have been built on the southwest side of Pana. No one from Pivot Energy spoke concerning the solar project.

SangChris Energy Center gave their project last. The plan would be to be built three miles directly south of the current Dominion Power Plant between Kincaid and Pawnee. Power would be available from 4-5,000 acres of solar panels nearby. The company says they are concerned about mine subsidence but doesn't feel that it will be a big problem. They have also coordinated with local fire departments to handle any emergency plans. All units are self contained and any fire could be contained inside the building without spreading.

After much discussion, the SangChris energy project was tabled as the committee wanted to spend more time discussing the issue and learning about some of the other parts of the project going on.

The Illinois Conservation Police has achieved a significant milestone, obtaining honors from the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). This recognition highlights the department's commitment to conservation law enforcement, boating safety, and protecting Illinois' natural resources, surpassing the intense NASBLA standards.

Jed Whitchurch, Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Office of Law Enforcement, expressed his pride, stating, "We are honored to receive this accreditation from NASBLA. This validates our pursuit of the highest standards in law enforcement and boating safety. Our officers work tirelessly to uphold conservation laws and ensure waterway safety."

The accreditation process involved a comprehensive assessment of policies, procedures, training programs, and operational practices. NASBLA experts evaluated the department's performance against established benchmarks, demonstrating a commitment to professionalism and competence.

Dave Considine, NASBLA BOAT Program Director, congratulated the Illinois Conservation Police, stating, "We formally accredit the Illinois Conservation Police as meeting or exceeding the national standards within NASBLA's BOAT Program for maritime law enforcement officers. We were impressed with their program."

This accreditation assures Illinois residents and visitors that the Illinois Conservation Police adheres to nationally recognized standards, enhancing waterway safety and benefiting both the public and patrolling officers.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul, along with 10 attorneys general, filed comments in support of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) regarding changes to the H-2A program. The H-2A program allows agricultural employers who anticipate a shortage of domestic workers to bring nonimmigrant foreign workers to the U.S. to perform temporary agricultural work. The proposed regulations would strengthen worker protection measures for H-2A agricultural workers and the DOL's capability to monitor compliance and take enforcement actions.

AG Raoul says that individuals who come to the US fill critical shortages and they deserve to be protected from abuse and unsafe workplaces. This new rule will help protect vulnerable workers as they enhance the nation's economy.

The H-2A program, and agricultural work more generally, experiences high rates of workplace violations and worker exploitation. The proposed rule is intended to address concerns regarding the DOL's ability to enforce regulations related to foreign labor recruitment, to improve accountability for employers who use various methods to attempt to evade the law and regulatory requirements, and to enhance worker protections for a marginalized workforce.

The comment letter Raoul and the coalition filed highlights three specific areas that promote access to information and accountability: Broader protections for workers' efforts to form and join labor organizations, Protection from arbitrary or retaliatory termination, and transparency regarding foreign recruiters.

Attorney General Raoul was joined in filing the comments by the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington.

RUN AS OF 11-21-23

TZ

Much work is being done behind the scenes regarding the safety of the Ameren Remediation Project. The city had worked to create a stopgap that would allow third-party air texting to be done, ensuring safe levels of air quality.

Illinois State Senator Steve McClure of the 54th Senate District looks to put minds at ease as he has been in contact with community officials and Ameren. Senator McClure says he is monitoring the situation and ensures that he and his office are on top of things, making for a safe environment for all.

McClure 1

KEY

LENGT: 60

Senator McClure urges those with concerns to contact his office at 217-7828-206.

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City Govt	11/21/23	7:12 AM	2:31	City Council Nov 2
City Govt	12/4/23	8:32 AM	1:13	City Council Prestory Dec 1
City Govt	12/18/23	9:32 AM	1:24	City Council Prestory Dec 2
City Govt	12/19/23	11:32 AM	2:40	Barry 2023 update

RUN AS OF 10/5/23

TZ

Much discussion has ensued over the Ameren Manufactured Gas Plant at Manners Park in Taylorville. The project was started in 2022 with expectations of noise, site traffic, and road closure for the area near the site. This project is handled by Ameren Electric Illinois and prior to the start of the project, public meetings were held where Taylorville Park Board President Marlene Miller attended these meetings and spoke with Ameren and the EPA with all aspects of the project known.

Bailey Hancock, Recreation Director for the Taylorville Park District says that questions and concerns may be directed towards Amaren or the EPA. As for Hancock, her staff, maintenance crews, and project site workers, all operations have proceeded as normal as Manners Park is perfectly safe to enjoy.

Hancock 1

KEY

LENGT: 49

Informational handouts can be found at the project site at Manners Park to help understand the operations happening in Taylorville.

To contact Ameren with questions or information, call 618-343-8087.

To reach the Environmental Protection Agency, call 847-553-9251.

Bailey Hancock appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 11/21/23

AFTER 6AM

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Taylorville City Council met on Monday evening and recognized the FFA, approved ordinances, and discussed old and new business. Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry praised the FFA for their work at Nationals proclaiming November 20th as FFA day.

BARRY3

KEY:

LENGT: 48

The number of liquor licenses being limited was approved. Aldermen Jim Olive and Megan Bryant voted no on the motion. An ordinance to increase the fee for cigarette and tobacco dealer's licenses was discussed. The motion was changed to read that fees were increased to just \$500 and not \$3000. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was also approved that any organization found selling to minors would receive first offense \$750 fine, 2nd offense \$750 plus remainder of license year unless there's 30 days or 90 days whichever is longer, and 3rd offense is \$750 plus lifetime ban. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was also approved to restrict advertisements, banners, and signage for licensed premises of cigarette and tobacco licenses. Stop signs were approved for Knute Rockne Drive and Western Avenue and BDD agreements were approved as well.

Also under ordinance, materials were approved along with airport project services for the Taylorville airport. Under committee reports, the council approved a purchase for a riding lawn mower, a workers comp policy renewal, a levy that has to be filed every year, and motions approving ordinance for remote meetings attendance and city building codes.

The council went into closed session to discuss salary negotiations.

The next City Council meeting is set for December 4th.

RUN AS OF 12/4/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Taylorville City Council will meet on Monday evening at 7 PM. The Council will have a fairly lengthy closed session, recognize the 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team, and review some ordinance. The council will discuss and potentially approve ordinances for annual abatement, personal property concerning some John Deere tractors, paid leave for all workers act for Taylorville, and rules for remote meetings.

The council will look at a motion for the Christian County Economic Development Corporation, and city hall parking improvements. There are no committee reports to review, but the council will hear from the City Attorney and Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry.

After hearing from the public, the council will go into closed session. During closed session, the council will discuss salaries and a lawsuit between Julie Lilly and Police Chief Dwayne Wheeler concerning an incident that took place September 27th.

Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more following the conclusion of this meeting.

RUN AS OF 12/18/23

AFTER 6AM

LK

Taylorville City Council set to meet Monday evening at 7 PM for their last meeting of 2023. After approval of minutes, the council will review a resolution for 2023 maintenance and a look at the annual tax levy. The council will look to approve a motion to bid/advertise the position of deputy treasurer, discuss the appointment of Kaylee Jones as a FOIA officer to the city, and sign some 2024 MFT maintenance costs.

Under committee reports, the council will approve some fire/police department needs. The council will hear from the city attorney and Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry. There will be a closed session concerning negotiations, purchasing some property in Taylorville including 504 West Second Street and/or 305 East Poplar Street along with the sale of 803 East Franklin Street. The council will also look to fill the vacancy in the office of city clerk. Stay tuned to Regional Radio News for more following the conclusion of the event.

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Economic Development	11/17/23	7:12 AM	2:41	Chamber of commerce update
Economic Development	11/27/23	8:32 AM	2:34	Engraving business
Economic Development	12/14/23	9:32 AM	1:39	Free internet for those who need it
Economic Development	12/18/23	11:32 AM	1:27	Womens club grants

RUN AS OF 11/2/23

AFTER 6AM

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Bridge work on Route 29 near Taylorville has been completed by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The bridge work involved resurfacing and paving for the bridge over the South Fork Sangamon River/ Flat Branch area. The project started in early March and went through the summer as they worked on both lanes.

There is still work being done on Route 29 further towards Pana, but the repaving and resurfacing have been completed nearer Taylorville. The original expectation was that roadwork would finish in December. The 5.6 million dollar project also widens the bridge deck from 36 to 43 feet and increases the longevity of this corridor by replacing the bridge.

Over the next six years, IDOT will improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and 10 million square feet of the bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program. This year alone, \$8.6 billion of improvements will commence statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

RUN AS OF 11/17/23

TZ

The Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce has set their holiday events, dates, and times that the community will want to attend. Getting us into the holiday spirit will be a Gingerbread House Contest for the kiddos, The drop off for entries is November 20th at the Real Estate Group located at 119 West Main Cross in Taylorville. Judging and ribbon placing will be held on November 30th and the delectable domiciles will be on display until December 2nd.

The Festival of Trees will have decorated wreaths and trees on display in the Milling Building located at 405 West Main Cross in Taylorville from November 20th to December 2nd, then a live auction for those arrangements on December 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. And even an appearance from the Grinch to snap a few photos.

The final event, incorporating many local players is the Christmas Business After Hours on December 6th, in the decorated West Side Tavern located at 109 South Washington Street on the Taylorville Square. The after-hours event will be hosted by the West Side Tavern and Design By Detail, with food catered by Carrie's Charcuterie and featuring a Giving Tree for Kemmerer Village.

Linda Allen, Executive Director of the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce, and Cindy Frisina, President and CEO of the Heartland Development partners began these plans back in August and are excited for the upcoming months of events.

Allen 1 KEY LENGT: 60

Allen expands on the Giving Tree process and Kemmerer Villages' involvement. Two trees will be on display at the West Side Tavern and a box for donations of unwrapped presents will be on hand.

Allen 2 KEY LENGT: 35

This year's Festival of Trees event will have trees and wreaths provided by the chamber for families or organizations to decorate.

Allen 3 KEY LENGT: 46

All information and more can be found on the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TaylorvilleChamber.

Linda Allen and Cindy Frisina appeared as guests on the WTIM Morning Show.

A local engraving business has set out to employ disabled veterans, teaching them new skills and providing them with a new and enhanced job opportunity. Wallace Dandridge, Owner of Sidcor Engraving is operating out of his home and produces unique and personalized engraved items. The next move for Dandridge and Sidcor Engraving is expanding to a location fit for the growing business and hiring disabled veterans looking to get back into the workforce.

To aid in this process Dandridge has set up a GoFundMe titled “Helping Us Veterans”, where all of the proceeds will go directly toward the expansion of Sidcor Engraving. Dandridge is a disabled veteran who has taken his passion for the engraving art and looks to help provide an environment for veterans to learn from failure and develop useful physical and technical training.

Dandridge discusses the process of setting up the GoFundMe and how it was difficult at first, adding that these funds look to enhance his business while changing the lives of disabled veterans.

Dandridge 1 KEY LENGT: 50

For Dandridge, perfection is the standard for the products he creates.

Dandridge 2 KEY LENGT: 40

Dandridge explains the process of accepting an order. Dandridge says a one-on-one conversation takes place with every customer to get a full view of what that person wants.

Dandridge 3 KEY LENGT: 65

For the first weekend of December, Dandridge’s Sidcor Engraving will offer free shipping.

Sidcor Engraving can be found online by visiting <https://sidcorlaserengraving.com/>. Call Dandridge at 217-638-9159, or email at info@sidcorlaserengraving.com.

Wallace Dandridge appeared as a guest on the WTIM Morning Show.

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An internet service provider is looking at providing affordable internet access to communities it serves. Sparklight has announced a free internet service for qualifying households through the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. Eligible households can now take advantage of fast and reliable internet at no cost.

Available to individuals who qualify for ACP, Sparklight customers can sign up for internet service that includes 100 Mbps download speed, unlimited data and a modem, free after the government's ACP credit is applied. All Sparklight internet plans up to 1 gig qualify for ACP, so those in need of a higher level of service can select the speed best suited for their needs and \$30/month ACP benefit will be applied to the selected tier of broadband service.

Matthew Armstrong, Sparklight Senior Vice President of Residential Services, says that Sparklight is addressing digital equity across their footprint and ensuring families stay connected to reliable internet service at an affordable cost.

New and existing Sparklight customers can visit www.sparklight.com/acp for more information, and to determine eligibility or sign up.

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The Taylorville Chapter of the Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs Inc. has launched an interest-free micro loan program for local women-owned businesses. For the 2023 year, funds were available to two applicants with either a start-up or existing business in Taylorville. The application process included financial projections and explanations of use of the funds as well as an interview with the micro loan company. Applications were due at the end of May, but it was extended to September 1st.

Two women were selected in early November to receive the loan. Marilyn Spillman and Tina Lancey were both selected to receive the loan. Spillman, owner of Emporium on Main offers antiques, collectibles, gently used furniture, and a full line of Dixie Belle paint right on the Taylorville Square. Find out more information on their Facebook page or call 217-827-1297 or visit 104 South Main Street. Lancey, owner of Momsters Coffee Roasters, makes organic coffee ethically and roasted to order. Momsters Coffee says they are made by busy moms for busy moms and donates 20% to ending domestic violence and supporting single moms. Find out more information at www.momsterscoffeeroasters.com.

IFBW coordinates with Shoe Senation for the Kicks for Kids shoe giveaway program that was held Saturday and their 4th annual Spring Fashion Show fundraiser on April 6th. To learn more follow their Facebook page at TvilleBusinessWomen, email ifbwtaylorville@gmail.com or call Tyler Frump at 454-1875, Kayla McGraw at 626-234-5403, or Pam Moses at 454-6105.

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Education	10/10/23	6:32 AM	1:18	October School Board prestory
Education	10/13/23	7:12 AM	1:51	VFW Scholarships
Education	11/8/23	8:32 AM	2:36	FFA National Champs
Education	11/17/23	9:32 AM	2:12	Winter Safety
Education	12/15/23	11:32 AM	2:31	New Superintendent

The Taylorville School Board of Education is set to hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the district office located at 1120 North Sportsman Drive in Taylorville. The meeting will begin with a call to order, public comments, approval of minutes from previous meetings, and the treasurer's report.

Under “New Business” a presentation and approval for the FY2023 School District Audit by Adam Mathis will take place. For building committee updates, recommendations, and action items, consideration and approval to use Esser funds, and a donation from Taylorville High School Sports Booster to install air conditioning in the Dolph Gymnasium will be considered.

A recommendation will come from the building committee and discussion board to move forward with seeking out bids for the construction of the gymnasium from options A or B, with updated information from the architects as phase one of the building project.

Stay tuned to Regional Radio news for updates on the story following the meeting.’

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VFW #4495 in Taylorville is letting students know about the approaching deadline of the VFW Auxiliary's annual scholarships and contests for 6th grade through high school students. The theme for this year's scholarship contest is What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy. Each year nearly 25,000 9-12th grade students will enter to have a chance to win part of more than \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives.

The national first place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to their American university, college, or vocational school. Other national scholarships are from \$1,000 to \$16,000 and the first place winner from each VFW Department wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000. Applications must be turned in to the Taylorville VFW Post #4495 by midnight on October 31st, 2023. Make sure to read the rules and eligibility requirements by visiting www.vfw.org.

If you are in middle school, there is an essay contest available. Students in grades 6-8 may enter the Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win a share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. The 2023 theme for the Patriot Pen contest is "How are you inspired by America." Each first place state winner will receive a minimum of \$500 at the national level and the national first place winner receives \$5,000.

This contest encourages young people to examine American history, along with their own experiences, by drafting a 300-400 word essay based on a patriotic theme. Entrants are due to the Taylorville VFW by midnight, October 31st, 2023. Taylorville VFW will also be awarding locally \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third to both Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners.

Find out more information, by contacting Marcy Koches at 217-820-9524 or Kari Scott at 217-820-7690.

RUN AS OF 11/8/23

AFTER 6AM

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The National Champion Future Farmers of America program out of Taylorville won national honors in Indianapolis, Indiana this past weekend and held a champion ceremony on Tuesday in the High School Cafeteria. High School Principal Matt Hutchison led off the festivities praising the teachers and staff who help including FFA Advisor Sue Schafer and Charles Dammerman.

HUTCHISON1

KEY:

LENGT: 64

Sue Schafer praised the FFA, saying it feels great to be #1.

SCHAFFER1

KEY:

LENGT: 45

Abby Norris and Abby Erlenbush took fifth place, and Norris talked a little about her project and why they put it together.

NORRIS1

KEY:

LENGT: 54

Co-President Drew Mickey spoke about what an experience it was going to Indy.

MICKEY1

KEY:

LENGT: 34

Jay Bliler took individual honors for first place. Bliler did his project on the rate of iron in his family's water supply. The event took place at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The calendar may say November but it's never too early to prep for winter weather and the Illinois Department of Transportation wants you ready to go just in case. The new theme from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, and the Illinois Tollway is "Winter Weather—Get it Together."

Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman says that preparing for winter is a year-long endeavor for IDOT and says the team at IDOT is ready to take on snow and ice. IDOT encourages you to plan ahead, reduce speed, increase stopping distance between vehicles, and keep your eyes on the road.

IDOT offers some other tips towards increasing your safety during winter driving. Practice now your basic winter driving skills and preparing for routine trips to take a little longer to complete. Bookmark <https://gettingaroundillinois.com> to check travel conditions before heading out, don't travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary, give yourself plenty of time, and watch out for black ice. Roads may seem clear but be treacherous. Be careful around intersections, on ramps, and bridges that may be prone to icing. Don't crowd the plow. Just because you see them doesn't mean they see you. Prepare an emergency kit with jumper cables, flares, windshield washer fluid, ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food, and a first aid kit. Always wear your seatbelt, and don't text and drive.

IDOT will have more than 1,800 trucks available for deployment as there are more than 17,000 miles of roads statewide. That is the equivalent of driving back and forth between New York City and Los Angeles three times. More than 318,600 tons of salt were spread statewide last year. IDOT is also experiencing a shortage of workers with a CDL. For more information on available jobs, visit <https://illinois.jobs2web.com>.

For more information on driver safety and winter tips, visit this story at www.taylorvilledailynews.com.

RUN AS OF 12/15/23

AFTER 6AM

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Taylorville has a new Superintendent. The Taylorville School Board announced that Mrs. Brandi Bruley has been named the Superintendent for Taylorville Community Unit #3 Schools effective on July 1st, 2024.

According to a press release sent out by the School District, Bruley brings a wealth of educational experience and leadership to Taylorville Community Schools through her service as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. She has knowledge of the district as she spent 15 years as the principal for North Elementary School. She has also served as the curriculum director during her final year at Taylorville. Bruley served as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Illinois State Board of Education. She spent three years as Superintendent for New Holland Middletown District. Currently, Bruley is the Superintendent of Waverly Community Schools.

Bruley is recognized for her educational and professional accomplishments. During her time in Taylorville, she led North Elementary to become a Blue Ribbon Award recipient for closing the student achievement gap. She has been a national presenter for NWEA, MAP, and AASA. In 2014, Bruley was named Illinois Elementary Principal of the year. She has also been named School Administrator's People Watch page which highlights career moves through the American Association of School Administrators or AASA.

Bruley and her husband have three daughters, Clarie, Maya, and Brenna. Bruley says she is excited to return to Taylorville to collaborate with families, staff, and community members to improve achievement for all students, and ensure every student has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

The School contracted the Illinois Association of School Boards to conduct the search to fill the superintendent position. The process included a volunteer group of representative stakeholders, who heard the semifinalists respond to questions, and provided feedback that was shared with the board.

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Healthcare	11/24/23	7:12 AM	1:48	Car Safety Checks
Healthcare	12/12/23	8:32 AM	1:13	AED Donated
Healthcare	12/19/23	9:32 AM	1:41	Colleague of the year
Healthcare	12/20/23	11:32 AM	2:03	Restrictions in place

The HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur is happy to announce that 3-D mammography equipment is on the grounds and healthcare professionals are prepared to begin screening for a threatening yet treatable illness. Breast cancer will affect one in every eight women, the best fight against breast cancer is early alert and action.

Amy Waddington, the Radiology Manager at HSHS St. Marys Hospital says that the process to get the equipment took some years but with the help of HSHS Good Shepherd Foundation, they are prepared to offer the cutting edge of technology.

Waddington 1 KEY LENGT: 20

Waddington explains the benefits of having 3-D mammography equipment.

Waddington 2 KEY LENGT: 50

Joel Fletcher, Director of the HSHS Good Shepherd Foundation spoke on the efforts it took to get the funds for the equipment.

Fletcher 1 KEY LENGT: 50

To find out more information on the 3-D mammography equipment or to schedule a screening visit, www.hshs.org/st-marys-decatur.

Amy Waddington and Joel Fletcher appeared as guests on the WTIM Morning Show live from our downtown studios in Shelbyville.

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The Christian County Health Department is hosting a free car seat safety check from 8:30 AM until 3 PM on Monday, November 27th, 2023. The safety check will be held at 902 West Springfield Road in Taylorville. The Health Department's Emergency Response Coordinator, Bryan Delendik Jr. is a Certified National Child Passenger Seat Technician and has been educated on how to make sure child car seats are installed correctly, and educate parents and caregivers how to use and install a car seat on their own.

A one-on-one safety check takes about 30 minutes depending on your car seat and type of vehicle. During the appointment, Bryan will go over ensuring you have the proper car seat for your child. He will also check for recalls, damage, and an expiration date for the car seat. He will also go over the next steps as to when your child may be ready for the next type of car seat and answer any questions.

To have your car seat checked, contact the Health Department at 217-824-4113 to schedule an appointment. Bring the child who will be riding in the seat, the vehicle owner's manual, and the car seat instruction manual, if possible. If the child is not available for the appointment, you will need to provide height and weight. When you arrive for your appointment, there will be a designated area marked off with cones to pull into to wait until a staff member comes to your car.

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration states car seats and boosters provide protection for infants and children in a crash, yet car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1-13. That is why it is so important to choose, install and use the right car seat every time your child is in the car. Any questions, please contact the Christian County Health Department at 217-824-4113.

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Taylorville Memorial Hospital donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Taylorville Food Pantry. Matthew Adermann, Taylorville Fire Chief, trained food pantry volunteers to use the AED. Jay Boulanger, Memorial Health Community Health Coordinator, says that he appreciates the work the Food Pantry does for the community. It helps ensure volunteers are prepared for potential medical emergencies is one way that they can support them.

The donation and training equipped volunteers with lifesaving skills and improves safety for individuals who use the pantry. Amy Hagen, co-coordinator for the Pantry thanked TMH and Chief Adermann for the generous donation of the AED and providing training opportunities for the volunteers. She says that the skills they acquire will help ensure individuals the Food Pantry serves are safe while at the pantry.

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Taylorville Memorial Hospital has named their employee of the year. Tammy Petty, unit secretary for Acute Care, at TMH is the nonprofit hospital's Colleague of the month. Petty says the most rewarding part of her job is to help patients stay positive and get back to their homes.

PETTY1

KEY:

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The Acute Care unit appreciates Petty's positive attitude and attention to detail. She also ensures supplies are stocked and available for patients, completes monthly audits, runs alarms, and answers call lights. Petty is very knowledgeable in important areas including wound vacuum assisted closure and central line dressing changes.

Petty has worked for TMH since 1990. The colleague of the year is selected from 11 individuals who previously named colleague of the month from January through November of the year. Petty was the September Colleague of the month. We here at Regional Radio News, salute you Tammy Petty!

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Memorial Health is implementing temporary visitor restrictions at its five hospitals in order to curb the spread of respiratory illnesses. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommended temporary visitor restrictions due to a statewide increase in respiratory illness including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

The restrictions will apply to inpatient units at all five Memorial Health hospitals: Decatur, Jacksonville, Lincoln, Springfield, and Taylorville. The restrictions will not apply to outpatient Memorial Care locations, including urgent or primary care and laboratory or imaging appointments.

For the safety of patients and their families as well as Memorial Health colleagues, Memorial Health requires that hospital visits be limited to two visitors per patient at one time, and that all visitors be 18 years of age or older and show no signs of illness. Masks are encouraged but not required at this time. Disposable masks are also available for visitors upon entry.

To help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, people should cover their mouth, especially when coughing or sneezing; wash hands frequently; receive all recommended vaccinations; and wear a mask around others. Most people who suffer from respiratory illness recover completely in one to two weeks, but some people can develop serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications, according to the IDPH.

For additional information on respiratory illnesses, visit the CDC at www.cdc.gov.