

Fourth quarter 2012 Issues and Programs for WILO and WSHW

Top issues for this quarter were covered by a combination of in-studio, on-street or telephone interviews and reports:

1. THE BOARD OF WORKS ANNOUNCES THE CHANGE FROM THREE HOURS TO TWO HOURS FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING.
2. A CLINTON PRAIRIE SCHOOL BUS IS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT THAT SENDS 27 STUDENTS TO AREA HOSPITALS. THE BUS WAS HEADED EAST ON COLFAX-MANSON ROAD ABOUT A QUARTER MILE FROM THE 450 WEST INTERSECTION. THE MOST SERIOUS INJURY WAS A BROKEN ARM SUFFERED BY ONE STUDENT.
3. DEMOLITION OF THE OLD EXIDE BATTERY BUILDING AT 555 HOKE AVENUE IS COMPLETED. THE SITE FEATURES 145,000 SQUARE FEET OF STRUCTURES PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 21,000 SQUARE FEET OF SECOND FLOOR SPACE AND 14,000 SQUARE FEET IN THE BASEMENT.
4. FOR THE FIRST TIME, A CLINTON COUNTY RESIDENT HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD WITH CHRIS McBARNES' SELECTION OF KENT BREWER.
5. BERT WEAVER AND CORY BOYLES TAKE THE TWO CONTESTED RACES FOR SEATS ON THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD. WEAVER DEFEATED MARK NEWHART WHILE BOYLES DOWNED MIKE NICHOLS.
6. THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OF FRANKFORT BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL HAVE TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE INCUMBENTS SANDRA STEVENSON AND JOYCE JACOBS LOST RE-ELECTION BIDS. BUD McQUADE WINS STEVENSON'S SEAT, WHILE STEPHANIE BARNACLE TAKES THE SEAT HELD BY JACOBS.
7. THREE SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERAL BANK ROBBERIES, INCLUDING THE OCTOBER 26 ROBBERY OF THE REGIONS BANK, ON EAST WABASH STREET. ALL SUSPECTS ARE FROM LAFAYETTE.
8. IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSIE TREES AS SITE DIRECTOR OF THE COLLEGE'S PLANNED FRANKFORT EXPANSION.
9. THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OF FRANKFORT BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED 4 TO 0 WITH THREE ABSTENTIONS TO DROP THEIR LAWSUIT AGAINST FARMERS BANK.
10. THE FRANKFORT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AGREES TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$600,000 OF TIF REVENUES DERIVED FROM FUTURE LAKE ERIE PRODUCTS PROPERTY TAXES IN THE ALLOCATION AREA FOR THE COST OF NEEDED ELECTRICAL REGULATION FACILITIES FOR THE LEP PROJECT.
11. THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OF FRANKFORT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES A LOAN OF \$905,000 FROM LAFAYETTE BANK AND TRUST TO PAY FOR THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TENNIS COURTS.
12. A FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM FRANKFORT'S SISTER CITY OF LANXI, CHINA VISITS THE GEM CITY THE FIRST WEEKEND IN DECEMBER AND TAKES PART IN THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE.
13. CLINTON COUNTY COUNCILMAN JIM DAVIS DIED NOVEMBER 28 AT THE AGE OF 84. DAVIS HAD BEEN A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF FRANKFORT AND FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS WAS A MEMBER OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL.
14. THE FRANKFORT CLINTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF ALL 36 ACRES OF THE OLD EMERSON BUILDING THAT IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY NIDEC MOTORS.
15. THE FRANKFORT CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF THE FRANKFORT TIMES PROPERTY AND THE TWO BUILDINGS DIRECTLY EAST OF THE TIMES FOR ITS IVY TECH CAMPUS.

16. FREE WiFi INTERNET IS NOW AVAILABLE IN DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT. MAYOR CHRIS McBARNES SAYS WiFi WILL BE ADDED TO TPA PARK IN THE SPRING.
17. THE NORTH MAISH ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IS NOW COMPLETE WITH NEW SIDEWALKS, A RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING, CURBS, GUTTERS, NEW TURN LANES, A NEW FOUR-WAY STOP AT WASHINGTON DRIVE AND MAISH ROAD , PIPING AND STORMWATER INLETS.
18. HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE PAUL FELIX RULED AGAINST CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER SKIP EVANS IN HIS LAWSUIT AGAINST FELLOW COMMISSIONERS MIKE BEARD AND BILL BEARD OVER THE PAVING OF COUNTY ROAD 450 WEST. EVANS LATER DROPS HIS APPEAL WHEN WORK ON THE ROAD CANNOT START THIS YEAR.
19. THE FARMERS BANK ANNOUNCES A \$200,000 DONATION TOWARDS THE NEW IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT.
20. KASPAR BROADCASTING CEO VERN KASPAR ANNOUNCES A \$180,000 DONATION FOR THE NEW IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS IN DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT.