

The following is a summary of issues filed for the radio station WAOV for the period between July first and September 30th, 2014. The issues were covered in 90-second newscasts every hour around the clock, as well as every hour between six a-m and nine a-m, and at noon, four p-m, and five p-m. Further, the issues were covered in a series of Community News updates, rotated around the clock seven days a week, on Knox County Today, mornings between 11 a-m and noon, and WAOV's Midday Edition, between eleven-30 a-m and twelve-06 pm. This list is by no means comprehensive.

(Safety While Travelling) (7-4-13...Jt 6a.)

The Indiana Department of Transportation is urging motorists to use caution while travelling during the Fourth of July Holiday - especially through work zones.

Not all work zones will be re-opened to traffic for the holiday. One such zone is State Road 61 in Knox County. The road is currently closed from Bierhaus Boulevard in Vincennes to State Road 241 in Monroe City.

(Crops- Clingerman) (7-4-13...JT 6a)

Last year's drought caused severe losses in crops across the midwest. This year, rains have plagued local and area farmers causing delays in planting.

Purdue Extension Agent Valerie Clingerman says despite the delays crops that are in the ground are in good shape.

(KC Fair) (7-5-13...JT 6a.)

The Knox County 4-H Fair is fast approaching and Purdue Extension personnel are gearing up for what's expected to be another hot one.

The fair begins July 22nd and runs through the 27th.

Willow Street Railroad Crossing to be Paved Jds 7-4-13

Vincennes motorists can expect to encounter delays on a portion of Willow Street starting Monday.

Lane restrictions will be necessary while railroad crews pave a crossing just north of US 41.

One lane of traffic will be closed in each direction.

This will be a two phase project.

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(Skelton Museum) (7-5-13...JT 6a.)

The Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy is Scheduled for a July 18th opening at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center at Vincennes University.

The evening opening ceremonies begin with a ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. The Museum will open for tours and a cocktail reception at 6. At 7:30 a show will begin with a welcome from Lothian Skelton and Stories of Red as told by Jamie Farr - who was a regular on the "Red Skelton Show" until he was cast in the tv series M.A.S.H - and impersonations by Tom Mullica.

(Rose on Pocket Park) (7-4-13...JT 6a.)

Vincennes City Council member Shirley Rose talked pocket park at the Vincennes Central Business district meeting on Wednesday.

At last month's meeting of the Vincennes Urban Enterprise association, the board approved the pocket park to be done in four phases. The first two phases include installing restrooms and paving the area for the park which will be located next to the Pantheon Theatre on Main Street.

(Monroe City Church Gets Grant) (7-5-13... JT 6a.)

A program at the First Church of God in Monroe City is one of five non-profits to receive a grant from the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

The IPL Power Grants have awarded 75,000 dollars to 23 different Indiana groups, five of which are from southern Indiana. The organizations were nominated by IPL employees. They're given for community enhancement, economic development, education and environment, and arts and culture.

(Citco-- trash issue) (Tuesday 7/9/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council voted against privatization of the City's trash collection system during last night's Council session at City Hall. The vote against on second reading was 4-2, with Council members Scott Brown, Pat Clark, Shirley Rose, and Duane Chattin voting against it.

(New Coonrod Contract) (7-10-13...JT 6a.)

The Knox County Council agreed to a refreshed contract with county

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financial advisor Kurt Coonrod at Tuesday's meeting.

The Knox County Commissioners were uncomfortable with Coonrod's contract and have been tabling claims to Coonrod until a new contract was signed. The previous contract had been signed in 2006.

(Lawrenceville - Bridgeport Water Fight Over) (7-12-13.JT 6a.)

The Lawrenceville-Bridgeport Water Feud is over. At Thursday's meeting of the Lawrenceville City Council, Mayor Don Wagner announced the two sides had reached a compromise.

In a recent meeting, the two city mayors and council members sat down and talked about the issue pertaining to who provides water to the department of corrections and whose pipes it goes through. The two sides had previously been at odds over the issue, however with the election of Wagner and the federal case pending against former Bridgeport Mayor Max Schauf, the two sides were able to come to an agreement.

(Backpack giveaway) (Monday 7/15/13 ... tlz 6a)

A national backpack giveaway is coming to Vincennes on August third. The Cellular Connection will join with Verizon to donate the backpacks, and school supplies, to kids in need. The supplies include pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue, and more.

(Comm-- County road closings) (Tuesday, 7/16/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners have approved a move to close to traffic parts of several rarely-used secondary roads. The roads to be closed include parts of Beaver Road, Cowpath Road, Deacon's Road, Dunkerly Road, Field Road, Gun Club Road, Township Line Road, Hazleton Road, Homestead Road, Lost Road, Oil Field Road, Palmyra Road, Patrick Road, and part of North Ninth Street Road near Monroe City.

(Skelton-- Medal of Freedom) (Tuesday 7/16/13 ... tlz 6a)

A committee is being formed to collect testimony to nominate Red Skelton for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The R-S-M-P-F Committee is collecting testimonial letters as part of a year-long effort to get Skelton nominated for the nation's highest civilian honor. The effort is part of a local celebration of the 100th anniversary of Skelton's birth in Vincennes.

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(Pool groundbreaking set) (Monday 7/22/13 ... tlz 6a)

Groundbreaking for the Rainbow Beach Family Aquatic Center is set for Wednesday, July 31st at Rainbow Beach's location at Gregg Park. The long-awaited redevelopment of Rainbow Beach will be financed by over three-million dollars in bonds.

(GSH-- Affordable Care adjustments) (Wednesday 7/24/13 ... tlz 6a)

Officials at Good Samaritan Hospital are taking a proactive approach to prepare for changes under the Affordable Care Act. The new health insurance regulations will take effect on January first, 2014.

Jean Casolaro, of the firm Gregory and Appel (uh-PELL), detailed the many changes to the G-S-H Board at its meeting last night. Casolaro told the Board individual policies may increase by an average of 72 percent in 2014. She also informed the Board all citizens must have essential insurance by that date, or pay an income tax penalty.

(UEA - Pocket Park) (7-25-13...JT 6a.)

Board Member Shirley Rose told the Vincennes Urban Enterprise Association that the Main Street Pocket park project will begin next week.

Rose reported work on the footings for the park will begin next week and that from there work will continue.

(RAINBOW BEACH) (EB) (8/7/13) 6AM

Demolition is expected to begin this week at the Old Rainbow Beach location in Gregg Park. The new Rainbow Beach Family Aquatic Center is scheduled to open next Memorial Day weekend.

Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum says the new facility helps the city in many ways, especially when you consider quality of Life issues.

(L-Ville Catch-All) (8-10-13...JT 6a.)

The Lawrenceville City Council Voted to purchase some equipment at the city's sewer plant at their regular meeting.

Sewer Superintendent Bruce Laslie told the council he'd located a blower for the aeration tanks at the plant and also an EPA mandated machine called a composite sampler that takes readings of the water at the plant.

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The total cost for the two items was around 11,600 dollars. The council voted to go ahead with the purchase. Mayor Don Wagner said the purchases would finally get the EPA to stop threatening the city with a 10,000 dollar per day fine for being out of compliance with regulations.

(Memo Drama) (8-10-13...JT 6a.)

A Memo from the Mayor to the City Police Chief was the cause of some high tension at last night's Lawrenceville City Council meeting.

Mayor Don Wagoner is asking city departments to tighten their belts and making suggestions on how they can do it. A memo sent between Wagner and Police Chief Mike Mefford with a list of suggestions was a sore spot at the meeting, however, Wagner was not going to discuss it at a public meeting.

(Planning Committee) (8-10-13...JT 6a.)

The Lawrenceville City Council Voted to allow the Lawrenceville Long Term Planning Committee to contract with an Indianapolis Company to come up with a long term economic growth plan for the city.

Committee Chair Roxanne Schultz came before the board to formally ask permission to hire Ratio Architects from Indianapolis to help come up with the plan. The committee has secured a 100 thousand dollar grant to pay for the process so no city money will be used to pay.

(Life After Meth) (8-15-13...Jt 6a.)

The Knox County Jail's Life After Meth program is looking to expand and The Knox County Council agreed to help.

Reverend Peter Haskins asked the Knox County Council for 35-thousand dollars to help establish a men's transition house and also to hire another LAM worker. Council member Nichole Like was outspoken in her support for the program. She said helping out is a no-brainer

(Pet Port On Call Hours) (Saturday 8-17-13...JT 6a.)

At the end of Thursday's budget hearings, the budget committee discussed on call procedure for the Pet Port.

Due to the Affordable Care Act, the city has to keep all part time employees at 29 hours or under. City Council member and Budget Committee Chair Scott Brown said even after only one occurrence of an overage, the city could be

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subject to a hefty fine.

(City Police Cameras) (Sunday 8-18-13...JT 6a.)

During Vincennes City Budget hearings earlier this week, Vincennes Police Chief Dusty Luking asked for 70 thousand dollars for police cruiser upgrades. Not Included in that are the dash cameras that police cars are normally outfitted with.

Expanded Drug Testing at LHS (for 8 20 13)

There will be more random drug testing at Vincennes Lincoln High School this year. The school board approved the expanded testing within a new student handbook adoption. An outside firm will be used to randomize the students tested and to actually do the testing.

(Comm-- precinct change approval) (Tuesday 8/20/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners gave the final go-ahead for a proposed change of precincts in the City of Vincennes. The change will downsize the current 16 precincts in the City of Vincennes to twelve. It also moves the boundaries to represent population movement in Vincennes over the last 30 years. Vincennes City Councilman T-J Brink was the man behind a re-districted twelve-precinct model for the City of Vincennes. He says the next step is informing everyone where they will vote, starting in May of 2014.

(NK - Budget) (8-21-13.JT 6a.)

A drop in funding is expected for the North Knox School Corporation's 2014 budget.

Superintendent Darrell Bobe explained that the corporation's total budget for next year will be around 8 million 784 thousand dollars. That number is 75-thousand dollars less than what the corporation got in 2013. Bobe says the drop in funding is difficult to deal with.

(NK - Gym Bids) (8-21-13.JT 6a.)

Bids were awarded for the construction of the new North Knox Auxiliary Gym last night, despite a hiccup with the low bidder's bid.

Josh Palmer of Myszak, Palmer and Associates told the board that Huntingburg Machine left a piece of equipment out of their bid. The oversight

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caused them to be the low bidder but when added back in they were not. As a result, the company asked their bid be withdrawn.

(Vinc. Parks-- Pool update) (Thursday 8/22/13 ... tlz 6a)

Demolition on the current Rainbow Beach buildings and pool structure will begin next week at the Rainbow Beach site at Gregg Park. The new Rainbow Beach Family Aquatic Center will be constructed following complete demolition. Pool construction company RenoSys will start by tearing down the bath houses, and moving out from there. The demolition is expected to take around two weeks to complete.

(Three injured in accident) (Monday 8/26/13 ... tlz 6a)

Three people were injured-- and one seriously-- following a two-car accident yesterday in Vincennes at Main Street and Ramsey Road.

The accident happened when the vehicle driven by 31 year-old Taylor Martin collided with a vehicle driven by a 16 year-old girl. Officers have not released the girl's name at this time.

(Bicknell Festival-- honors) (Thursday 8/29/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Bicknell Kiwanis Club named the annual Bicknell Man and Woman of the Year last night at North Knox Primary School in Bicknell. The naming was part of the ceremonies around the annual Bicknell Heritage Labor Day Festival Queen contest. Bicknell First Baptist Church pastor Seth Alexander was named Bicknell's Man of the Year. A nomination letter spelled out his service-- not only to his church, but to residents of Bicknell as a whole. The Woman of the Year is current Bicknell Clerk-Treasurer Becky McGlone. Her nomination letter cited her contributions over the years to the residents of Bicknell as reason for her to receive the award.

(United Way Executive Director-- first day) (Tuesday 9/3/13 ... tlz 6a)

Today marks the first day for new United Way of Knox County executive director Angie Goff. Goff will share the position with outgoing Executive Director Bob Murawski through the end of the year; after that, Murawski will officially retire.

Goff says learning during the transition will be at the top of her list of things to do.

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(Citco Committee-- budget) (Wednesday 9/4/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council gathered as a Committee of the Whole yesterday to review the 2014 City budget. Council reviewed the document with an eye toward saving money in the budget's final draft.

One issue Council discussed at length was a reduction of part-time hours in the City's Animal Control department. Department director Terri Barmes offered to extend her on-call hours, for an increased base salary equal to her actual pay last year.

Vincennes City Councilman Scott Brown heads the Council Budget and Finance Committee. He says the idea will keep Animal Control part-time employees below a 29 hour a week cap.

(Daviess drug arrests) (Thursday 9/5/13 ... tlz 6a)

Federal agents have arrested eight people-- including five Washington residents-- on federal drug and money-laundering charges. Daviess County Sheriff's officials started the investigation, and called in the Indiana State Police, and federal D-E-A agents to help in the investigation. The investigation turned up two pounds of crystal meth, and an unknown amount of marijuana and cash.

Three Washington residents-- 42 year-old Alan Marshall, 34 year-old Marcus Newson, and 43 year-old James Coy-- are charged with conspiracy to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine. Two others were also charged with the meth-dealing count-- 41 year-old Christopher Kimmons of Coldwater, Mississippi, and 26 year-old Antoin (AN-twan) Alston, of Long Beach, California. All five Authorities are seeking a sixth suspect-- 43 year-old David Merritt. Merritt's address is unknown.

(Westport trailer fire) (Thursday 9/8/13 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 9/9)

A Westport-area couple is homeless following a fire yesterday at their house trailer on Illinois State Road 33 just east of Old U-S 50. The fire happened around 11:10 a-m Central time; the trailer was occupied by David and Elizabeth Elp. Firemen say the occupants were able to escape the trailer before it was destroyed.

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(CoCo-- Sheriff's added forces) (Wednesday 9/11/13 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County Sheriff Mike Morris is requesting more personnel to handle increased capacity in the Knox County Jail. The extra jailers are needed, due to the increased population of inmates from outside of Knox County. Sheriff Morris made his request to the Knox County Council as part Council's annual budget hearings.

(CoCo-- setting final numbers) (Thursday 9/12/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Council spent last night finalizing the numbers for each department's budget for 2014. The final 2014 Knox County budget will total around eight million dollars.

Council president Steve Thais says as in recent years, the final budget will contain raises for each County department. For 2014, the raises will be a flat one-thousand dollar increase for full-time employees, and 500 dollars for part-timers.

(Clark ISTEP Issues) (9-18-13...JT 4p)
(updated 9/19)

A failing grade on ISTEP testing for Clark Middle School is currently in the appeals process.

Vincennes Community Schools Superintendent Greg Parsley is looking into the reasons for a sharp drop in test scores at Clark. He said all information he's had indicated higher scores for the school, especially when compared to the significant improvements the VCSC Elementary schools had. Parsley said something just wasn't right.

(Vin. Parks--Rainbow Beach demolition) (Thursday 9/19/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Parks Board heard an update last night on progress in the demolition of the old Rainbow Beach. The pool is being demolished in favor of a new Rainbow Beach Family Aquatic Center.

Parks Department director Steve Beamon says many people have taken advantage of reviewing the tear-down phase of the project.

(Lawrenceville pilot identified) (Friday 9/20/13 ... cf 12n)

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(Washington, DC) -- An Air Force pilot from Lawrenceville that was killed when his plane crashed in Vietnam in 1969 will be laid to rest Monday. The Department of Defense announced that the remains of Major James E. Sizemore of Lawrenceville and Major Howard V. Andre Junior of Memphis, Tennessee have been identified and returned to their families. They'll be buried with full military honors Monday at Arlington National Cemetery

(BPW-- New truck awarded) (Tuesday 9/24/13 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Board of Works has approved purchase of a new trash truck for the Vincennes Sanitation Department. Jasper's Ruxer Ford will provide the new truck for 115-thousand dollars. The truck is needed as part of the City's continuing service to collect trash throughout the City.

Two trash truck bids came in before the Board. The Board of Works accepted Ruxer's quote over one submitted by White Freightliner.

(Distinguished alums named) (Wednesday 9/25/13 ... tlz 6a)

Two brothers will be named as this year's Lincoln High School distinguished alumni. The annual honor will fall on Richard Andrews and Raymond Andrews.

Richard Andrews is the older of the two recipients. Richard is a 1962 Lincoln graduate, and is an expert in selling equipment and systems to other businesses. He is currently the president of his own company, Richard Andrews Consulting.