

The following is a summary of issues filed for the radio station WZDM for the period between April first and June 30th, 2012. The issues were covered in full newscasts every half-hour between five and nine a-m, as well as at 12 noon, 4 p-m, and five p-m, and in updates airing each evening and overnight. Further, the issues were covered in a series of Community News updates, rotated around the clock seven days a week, as well as with the Around the Town program. (Comm-- Editing the EDIT plan) (Monday 4/2/12)

The Knox County Commissioners have approved various amendments to the County's Economic Development Income Tax plan. The amendment allows for increases in spending for the Knox County Development Corporation, and in the Roof Improvement accounts.

(Property tax mailing) (Wednesday, 4/4/12)

The 2012 property tax bills are now out for Knox County taxpayers. County landholders should have either received their bill by now, or will sometime in the near future.

(BPW-- City Web site) (Monday, 4/9/12)

The Vincennes Board of Works heard an update yesterday from Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum on a project to improve the City's new Web site. The Mayor and City officials are working toward a more user-friendly site for the City of Vincennes.

(Yochum's first 100 days) (Tuesday, 4/10/12)

Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum has recently completed his first hundred days in office. The biggest activity of his first 100 days is the slow pace to put ideas in place.

(SK New Superintendent) (Wednesday, 4/11/12)

After 16 years at North Knox as principal, Tim Grove will move south to take over as leader of the South Knox School Corporation. Grove says he is excited about his new position, but knows challenges lie ahead.

(VCSC sells Washington School) (Tuesday, 4/17/12)

A 4-1 vote led to the sale of Washington School to First Christian Church of Vincennes. The winning bid was 30-thousand dollars.

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(City pool referendum) (Wednesday, 4/18/12)

Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum is joining the voices calling for a City referendum on a bond issue to reconstruct Rainbow Beach. The City's pool is reaching the end of its lifespan; redesign plans are being considered.

(Palilonis appeal) (Monday 4/23/12)

Vincennes University student Michael Palilonis had his appeal heard at the University of Valparaiso. Palilonis was convicted of raping another student; the student later committed suicide.

(NK-- Gym design) (Tuesday 4/24/12)

The North Knox School Board have agreed to a traditional design process for construction of a new auxiliary gymnasium. the new gym will be constructed next to the current gym at North Knox Junior-Senior High School.

(Comm-- Farbest next step) (Tuesday 4/24/12)

The Knox County Commissioners has approved another piece of the puzzl

(Citco-- Claim approval) (Monday 4/30/12)

The Vincennes City Council has approved a nearly million dollar claim

(Bicknell finances) (Wednesday 5/2/12)

The Bicknell City Council met in special session last night to discuss cutting nearly 200-thousand dollars in financial shortage for next year. Council members considered various methods of cutting the gap.

(Sandefur to succeed Grove) (Thursday 5/2/12)

North Knox High School assistant principal Matt Sanderfur will take the next step up, and replace Tim Grove as North Knox High School principal. Grove is moving on to become Superintendent of the South Knox School Corporation.

(District 45 showdown) (Wednesday 5/9/12)

Two incumbent Representatives will face each other, when Vincennes De

(Earthquakes strike area) (Friday 5/11/12)
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The U-S Geologic Survey reported two earthquakes epicentered in north
(New V-U provost) (Monday 5/14/12)

Charles Johnson will take over as the new Provost of Vincennes Univer
(Bicknell budget discussion) (Tuesday 5/15/12)

Bicknell City Council members spent two hours hammering out ideas to
(VCSC office changes) (Tuesday 5/22/12)

Incoming Vincennes School Superintendent Greg Parsley re-organized C
(V-U price increase) (Wednesday 5/23/12)

Vincennes University's Board of Trustees have approved tuition, room
(Comm-- drought update) (Tuesday 6/19/12 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County Emergency Management Agency director John Streeter says the current southwest Indiana drought is getting worse. A lack of rain has made this area among Indiana's driest-- with rainfall in some places as much as ten inches below normal.

Streeter says the dry trend may stay with us for a while.

The Knox County Commissioners have issued a burn ban, effective until at least July second; the ban may be extended at the Commissioners' July second session.

(Second Street project update)

The City of Vincennes and Indiana Department of Transportation will take a bit longer to name a new engineer for the revamped Second Street project. Eight firms are bidding to do the Second Street project. The project has been on hold since the City fired former engineer Beam, Longest and Neff back in January. Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum expects to name the winning project engineer either later this week, or early next week. The City of Vincennes and INDOT representatives discussed the engineer scoring process in a meeting yesterday at City Hall.

(Comm-- per diem limits) (Tuesday 5/19/12 ...tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners have set a per-diem limit of 40 dollars for County workers traveling on County business. The per diem is for meal receipts, with a 40 dollar daily cap. The Commissioners also approved a state-mandated anti-nepotism rule.
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The rule covers granting of jobs, contracts, or favoritism to family members up to and including first cousins.

(VCSC-Nonte's last time) (Wednesday 6/20/12 ... tlz 6a)

Outgoing Vincennes Community School Corporation Superintendent Tom Nonte gave his farewells last night to the Vincennes Community School Board. Nonte will end three years as Superintendent, and 41 years in Vincennes Community Schools, with his last day on June 30th.

Nonte was honored by the man who will replace him—current Assistant Superintendent Greg Parsley. Parsley will become Superintendent on July first. Parsley honored Nonte by remembering both fun and serious memories of his years working with Nonte. In his comments, Nonte praised the community, principals, and teachers for their efforts to better the community. He ended his comments by saying he would be looking forward to his retirement.

(Palilonis case upheld) (Wednesday 6/20/12 ... tlz 4p) (updated 6/21)

The Indiana Court of Appeals has upheld the Knox Superior Court One conviction of former Vincennes University student James Palilonis. The appellate court announced its decision yesterday in Indianapolis. Palilonis was convicted of rape in a 2005 assault near Vincennes University; the victim later committed suicide.

(Pinnick Funeral-- burial) (Friday 6/22/12 ... tlz 6a)

The body of Specialist Trevor Pinnick will be laid to rest Monday in Vincennes. Pinnick was killed last week in the line of duty when he stepped on a land mine in Afghanistan.

Pinnick's body is scheduled to return to the Mid-American Air Center in Lawrenceville tomorrow morning around nine Central time. Visitation will be two to seven p-m Central time Sunday at the Lawrenceville High School Auditorium, with a full Army funeral planned for eleven a-m Central time Monday, also at the Lawrenceville High School Auditorium.

(Citco-- Plan approval) (Tuesday 6/25/12 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council approved the new City Master Plan last night unanimously. The new Plan will be the blueprint for (cont...)

Vincennes growth and development over the next 15 to 20 years.

The final approved copy was earlier approved by the Knox County Area Plan Commission, following the modification of seven items in the Plan. Council agreed with all the changes, and approved the modifications without comment.

(Citco-- Niblack plan) (Tuesday 6/25/12 ... tlz 6a) The Vincennes City Council has added its voice to a City plan to help remake a bridge near Second Street and Niblack Boulevard. Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum is asking the Council's support as part of a request from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Mayor Yochum says an improved bridge would be helpful to semi drivers making deliveries in Vincennes.

(Pinnick funeral-- hard copy) (Monday 6/24/12 ... tlz 4p) (updated 6/25)

A crowd of citizens from across the area packed Lawrenceville High School yesterday for the funeral of Specialist Trevor Pinnick. The 20 year-old Lawrenceville native was killed in the line of duty while serving in the U-S Army in Afghanistan.

Pinnick was eulogized as a man willing to do whatever he had to-- for family and country-- without complaining. He was also characterized as a very capable soldier with a bright future, and as a spiritual leader who incorporated his faith into his everyday life.

(GSH Renovation work) (Wednesday 6/27/12 ... tlz 6a)

Another set of renovation work starts Friday as part of the over 100-million dollar BEACON project at Good Samaritan Hospital. The work includes gutting the third floor of the Hospital's Health Pavilion, as well as adding to that floor of the structure. The floor will eventually house administrative offices for G-S-H doctors.

Good Samaritan Hospital project manager John Manning knows signs of the coming work are visible to the public. Manning also says to this point, work on the BEACON project is on time.

(Duke public session) (Thursday 6/28/12 ... tlz 6a)

Duke Energy officials updated North Knox-area residents last night on progress on the nearly-completed Duke Energy plant at Edwardsport. Plant manager Jack Stultz and other Duke plant officials met with the public to update them on the project's testing schedule, and on emergency preparedness methods, in case of a plant emergency. A good crowd came out to hear the update, (cont...)

and to ask informational questions about the project.

Duke Energy spokesman Lew Middleton says the project is now in its coal-gasification testing phase.

(NWS-- extreme heat) (Wednesday 6/26/12 ... tlz 6a)

The National Weather Service is calling for triple-digit heat to strike the area beginning today. Temperatures of 105 or above are possible both today and tomorrow.

N-W-S forecasters say Indianapolis may near its all-time record of 106 degrees. N-W-S forecaster Dave Tucek says this area may even be a couple of degrees above that. Tucek also doesn't discount a possible all-time record high over 110 degrees somewhere today.

Despite the heat, humidity levels will remain relatively low. The low humidity and moderate winds mean the heat index will not rise above the air temperature today. However, those same conditions have led to a red flag warning being issued for the area as a precaution against wildfires.

(Heat wave--power) (Friday 6/29/12 ... tlz 6a)

Duke Energy officials say despite the current heat wave, plenty of power will be available for anyone needing it. The power will go toward keeping people cool, as temperatures are forecast to rise above 105 degrees today, and stay in triple digits through the weekend.

Duke Energy spokesman Lew Middleton says no disruptions are expected from the intense heat-- and expected intensive power use. The heat, combined with extreme dry conditions, has also dropped river levels and raised the river's water temperature. Middleton also states Duke Energy is watching the water temperature and levels--both at Edwardsport and elsewhere.