

This is a recap of news stories covered in the third quarter of ~~2015~~<sup>2016</sup> by radio station WZDM. The stories were reported from July first through September 30th, ~~2015~~<sup>2016</sup>

The stories were covered in newscasts each half-hour between 5 am and 9 am. They were also covered in full newscasts at 12 noon, 4 pm, and 5 pm.

A list of pertinent stories covered on the newscasts is featured below. The list is by no means comprehensive.

Solar Challenge to Vincennes - for 8 1 16 - mrl

Dozens of engineers, drivers, designers, and officials from the American Solar Challenge Auto competition spent the night last night in Vincennes. The stop is part of a race of College Teams that started in Brecksville, Ohio and will end in Hot Springs, South Dakota. on August 6th.

(Glendale FWA-- Arson suspect) (Tuesday 8/2/16 ... tlz 6a)

Indiana Department of Natural Resources officers are investigating an arson reported Sunday in southern Daviess County.

The arson happened inside the Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area. Three boats and a shed were destroyed in the fire.

(NK-- Police appreciation) (Tuesday 8/2/16 ... tlz 12n)  
(updated 8/3)

North Knox High School students got school started yesterday with an assembly to hear from police officers across Knox County. The information session featured officers from all walks of law enforcement.

(Watermelon Festival Friday) (Friday 8/5/16 ... tlz 6a)

The annual Vincennes Watermelon Festival begins with activities in downtown Vincennes this evening. Starting at five p-m, various carnival rides, food vendors, and entertainment will center at Patrick Henry Square and at Gimbel Corner. Carnival rides are in their first year at the Festival; they will be centered at Gimbel Corner near Second and Main.

(McKinney in court) (Monday 8/8/16 ... ah 6a)

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Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputy back in February during a traffic stop.

(YMCA Fish Fry) (Monday 8/8/16 ... ah 6a)

The Vincennes YMCA's annual fish fry fundraiser will take place on Friday, August 19th. The Y will have two meals that day. The first will be lunch from 11:00 a.m. until one p.m., and dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. until seven p.m.

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(B'nell Citco-- Stormwater grant update) (Tuesday 8/9/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Bicknell City Council approved an additional appropriation to add another stormwater project to the City's south side. The move added another 53-thousand dollars to do the stormwater work near the intersection of Chestnut and Maryland Streets. Council approved twenty-thousand dollars in additional money from the Rainy Day Fund, with the rest coming from EDIT dollars.

(Citco-- Amended financial passage) (Tuesday 8/9/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council has approved an amended additional appropriation on second and third reading last night. The measure provides needed funding for the City Parks, as well as assistance for upkeep at various City youth sports facilities. The additional funding is for 175-thousand dollars; the money will come from both EDIT and Riverboat accounts.

(KC Holding Corporation session) (Wednesday 8/10/16 ... tlz 6a)

A meeting is scheduled for later this month to mark the official end of payment of bonds for the Knox County Jail.

The Knox County Holding Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, August 25th at four p-m. The meeting will be held in the Main Street Vincennes office of attorney Bruce Smith. The session will be held to deliver the deed of property for the Knox County Jail to Knox County government officials.

(Budget-- night 2) (Friday 8/12/16 ... tlz 6a)

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The Vincennes City Council wrapped up budget hearings last night on a just under twelve-point-four million dollar 2017 City budget. The largest proposed budget expense is just over seven and a half million dollars in the City's General Fund. The remainder of the budget will be dedicated to various other City accounts.

(Comm-- Insurance renewal) (Tuesday 8/16/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners have approved a renewal of the County employees' health insurance policy with Anthem. The renewed policy will have a small premium increase for the next year.

(Bicentennial events) (Tuesday 8/16/16 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County Bicentennial organizers will celebrate the state's 200th birthday with a celebration at Grouseland on September 10th and 11th.

The celebration will start around one p-m on both the 10th and 11th.

Pipe Replacements to Slow Traffic  
Jds 8-17-16

The Indiana Department of Transportation says upcoming lane closures due to pipe repair and replacement projects will restrict traffic at several locations throughout southwestern Indiana.

Closures or restrictions are scheduled to be less than a week long, depending upon weather conditions.

Beginning on or around Sept. 6th, S.R. 241 southwest of Monroe City will close between U.S. 41 and S.R. 61.

(NK-- Golden work anniversary) (Friday 8/19/16 ... tlz 6a)

A North Knox School Corporation staff member is celebrating her 50th year as a guidance counselor in the Corporation. Alice Skinner started with North Knox Schools on August 23rd, 1966, and is coming up on her golden anniversary with the Corporation.

(Back to School at VU) (Monday 8/22/16 ... tlz 6a)

Today is the first day of class for students at Vincennes University. Students have spent the past weekend moving back into dorms and housing across Vincennes in preparation for the school year.

VCSC Building Report - for 8/23/16 - mrl

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Progress continues at the four Vincennes public Elementary Schools. Garmong Construction supervisor Chris Roberts reported to the Vincennes Community School Board that Riley School is already receiving finishing work inside while new windows continue to be installed.

VCSC Budget for 2017 - for 8 23 16 - mrl

Members of the Vincennes Community School board approved the advertising of an almost \$33 Million Dollars budget for next year. Almost \$20 Million dollars in the General Fund will come from state funding with the rest coming for local property taxes. This year's final total budget was just over \$30.7 Million dollars and next year's proposed budget is expected to be adjusted downwards by the state.

(INDOT-- County, Bicknell match funds) (Wednesday 8/24/16 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County officials got one project funded, and one turned down, for match money in yesterday's INDOT funding release. The County was matched for the Mount Zion Road repair project, but was denied the extra funds for work on Old U-S 41 in northern Knox County. The County's received just under 405-thousand dollars, out of an estimated request of 900-thousand dollars.

(INDOT's funds--Vincennes) (Wednesday 8/24/16 ... tlz 6a)

The City of Vincennes got just over 800-thousand dollars it was seeking for nine City paving projects. The funding information was released late yesterday afternoon by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

(USB-- Floodgate bids) (Thursday 8/25/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Utility Services Board has taken two bids under advisement for an expanded floodgate closure. The closure will fit a planned expanded opening to Kimmel Park; the opening is near the intersection of Red Skelton Boulevard and Oliphant Drive.

Blankenberger Brothers had the lower of the two bids, at 158-thousand, 500 dollars. The other bid was for 331-thousand dollars, from Hendrixson Concrete and Construction.

(Three Nails-- Kokomo damage) (Thursday 8/25/16 ... tlz 12n)

Three Nails Project director Bob Morrison is personally assisting families with tornado damage in Kokomo. Morrison-- a Kokomo native-- was

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visiting his family when the devastation happened.

(VU-- Johnson renewed as VU president) (Thursday 8/25/16 ... tlz 12n)

Vincennes University has granted University president Chuck Johnson a one-year extension to his contract. The extension followed a positive annual performance evaluation by the University Board of Trustees.

(KC Holding Corp-- Bonds deeded over) (Friday 8/26/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Holding Corporation deeded over the Knox County Jail yesterday to the Knox County Commissioners. The move is the final step in retiring an over ten-million dollar bond issued in 2006. The bond issue was paid off seven years early, at a savings to taxpayers of over a million dollars. A special tax to fund the Jail was retired a year earlier, in 2015.

(VFD-- Reducing infant deaths) (Monday 8/29/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Fire Chief Sonny Pinkstaff has been certified as an instructor in reducing cases of sudden infant death syndrome. Pinkstaff completed the training at a recent conference in Indianapolis. He now plans to train his department, and others in the area, in what he learned during the conference.

(Rowe Sargent passes) (Monday 8/29/16 ... tlz 4p)

Knox County citizens are mourning the loss of sitting Knox County Commissioner, and Good Samaritan Hospital board member, Rowe Sargent. Sargent passed away yesterday at the age of 80, after a long battle with cancer.

(GSH-- Church clinic) (Wednesday 8/31/16 ... tlz 6a)

Good Samaritan Hospital officials are working with Bethlehem General Baptist Church as partners in a free Wellness Clinic. The clinic will be held two Wednesdays and two Saturdays per month.

Volunteers and Vincennes University students will provide the nursing staff for the clinic, under the direction of nurse-practitioner Deb White. White reached out to both the church and Good Samaritan Hospital to start the clinic.

(Bicentennial celebration) (Thursday 9/1/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Bicentennial Celebration will take place a week from

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this Saturday and Sunday. The celebration will happen on the grounds near Grouseland just west of First Street on Saturday, September 10th, and Sunday, September 11th.

Part of the weekend activities will feature historic themes, celebrating 200 years of Indiana history. Frank Doughman (DOOF-man) is helping head up the celebration; he says a strong agricultural theme will also be in place.

(Already Time to Register to Ring) (Tuesday 9/6/16 ... djf 6a)

It may be September 6th, but many items are starting to get in place for the 2016 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

(Tree Board-- Easement planters) (Wednesday 9/7/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Tree Board is seeking City property owners who want trees planted in front of their property, but on the City's street easement. The planting is part of a plan to replace several removed dead trees in recent months from the City's street easements.

(VPD-- Desertion warrant) (Tuesday 9/6/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Police arrested a Lawrenceville man last night, after finding him wanted for desertion by the U-S Army.

20 year-old Dalton Wright was found in the parking lot of Autumn Ridge Apartments.

(Bicentennial Torch ceremony) (Monday 9/12/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch relay made a triumphant entry to Grouseland yesterday evening, as part of the closing of a two-day Bicentennial Festival at Grouseland. Richard Day, dressed as William Henry Harrison, took the torch down Harrison Street to Grouseland. Day took the torch from Mark Hill, dressed as Father Francois Rivet.

(Citco-- equipment bonds) (Tuesday 9/13/16 ... tlz 6a)

The City of Vincennes has put forward a plan to issue a set of bonds in part to start a set equipment rotation for City departments. The two bonds-- Series "A" and Series "B"-- would cost just over two-point-six million dollars.

Funds from the bonds would allow for a rotation of City Police and City Fire Department vehicles.

(BPW-- Rescue boats in place) (Tuesday 9/12/16 ... tlz 6a)

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The Vincennes City Fire Department will soon be in possession of both rescue boats it has been raising funds for for most of this year. The Department already raised enough to purchase the larger rescue boat. Over the weekend, it also received a donation of the second, smaller Zodiac-class boat it was seeking.

(SK-- mold eradication) (Tuesday 9/13/16 ... tlz 6a)

South Knox Superintendent Tim Grove addressed a mold problem found in some South Knox classrooms back in August. At last night's School Board meeting, Grove told the Board the problem has been solved.

(CoCo-- Budget savers) (Wednesday 9/14/16 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County Council heard a budget request from the Public Defender Board yesterday that provides significant savings. The Public Defender's program is under a mandate to reduce its budget; Council officials believe the group's proposal does just that.

Council voted yesterday to allow the group to name a part-time Chief Public Defender. The move will save money on administration and other fees.

(LHS-- Homecoming Distinguished Alumni) (Thursday 9/15/16 ... tlz 6a)

Two people will be honored September 23rd as Lincoln High School Distinguished Alumni. This year's winners are Class of 1969 graduate Mark Parmenter and 1976 graduate Susan Hudson-Coulter.

(Budget-- Overtime session needed) (Friday 9/16/16 ... tlz 6a)

After eight hours of deliberation last night, the 2017 Knox County budget is still un-finished. Knox County Council members are still reviewing multiple budget options, and need the extra time to determine final budget levels for all accounts. Last night's budget session ended just before midnight at the Knox County Courthouse.

VCSC - Items - for 9/20/16 - mrl

There were no public comments from the audience at last night's Vincennes Community School Board Budget Hearing. Superintendent Greg Parsley presented an estimated total budget inflated to over \$32.9 Million Dollars with a tax rate of just over \$2.06 per \$100 dollars in assessed valuation, but was quick to point out the budget is always proposed high so when the State cuts money and the final assessed valuation of property is factored

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in there will be enough money to operate the local schools.

(Comm-- Streeter the first) (Tuesday 9/20/16 ... tlz 6a)

Republican delegates from across Knox County have named Kellie Streeter to be the first female Knox County Commissioner in history. A caucus of the delegates last night named Streeter to fill the position vacated by the death of Rowe Sargent. Streeter was appointed to the position on the first ballot.

(ISP-- Clinkenbeard theft arrest) (Tuesday 9/20/16 ... tlz 12n)  
(updated 9/21)

Indiana State Police have arrested Tracy Clinkenbeard for allegedly embezzling over 100-thousand dollars in County funds. The arrests stem from an 11-month investigation into funds Clinkenbeard allegedly misused in her role as director of the Knox County Solid Waste Management District.

(VPD-- Dog attack) (Wednesday 9/21/16 ... tlz 12n)  
(updated 9/22)

One person was injured yesterday in a dog attack near Fourth and Depot Streets.

Vincennes City Police described the un-named victim as a 63 year-old male. Three dogs were involved in the attack; the victim suffered injuries to his legs, arms, and head. He was first taken to Good Samaritan Hospital; he was later airlifted to an Evansville-area hospital for treatment.

(USB-- Phosphorus Removal plant bids) (Thursday 9/22/16 ...tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Utility Services Board has taken under advisement bids for a new phosphorus-removal plant. Evansville's P-P-M-I was low bidder, with a bid of two-million, 489-thousand dollars. Four of the five bids came in under the engineers' estimate of two-point-eight million dollars.

(Homecoming celebration) (Friday 9/23/16 ... tlz 6a)

The City of Vincennes is ready for community Homecoming celebrations surrounding tonight's Vincennes Lincoln Homecoming game. The Alices will play county rival North Knox in tonight's game at Inman Field.

Homecoming-related activities have been taking place all this week at Lincoln High School. L-H-S guidance counselor Erica Shepherd says Homecoming events at the high school, and in the community, tie old traditions with current activities.

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Search for Missing Evansville Teen Moves to Pike County Landfill  
Jds 9-27-16

The Evansville Courier and Press reports the search for a missing Evansville teen has moved

to a Pike County landfill.

19-year-old Aleah Beckerle was reported missing July 17th.

Police are now searching the Advanced Disposal Blackfoot Landfill near Winslow.

They say their search centers on a specific area of the landfill, not the entire facility

Police tell the Courier and Press the landfill search does not mean they no longer believe she

is alive.

Beckerle is wheelchair-bound, cannot speak and requires medication to control seizures.

(First Robinson's award) (Tuesday 9/27/16 ... tlz 6a)

The parent of First Vincennes Savings Bank in Vincennes has won the 16th "Excellence in Innovation Award. The award was presented to Robinson, Illinois' First Robinson Savings Bank at a recent conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

(B'nell-- paving) (Thursday 9/29/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Bicknell Board of Works held a special meeting to approve paving for the City of Bicknell. Three companies bid for Bicknell's paving work, with Huntingburg's Hunter Paving winning the project with a bid of just under 147-thousand dollars.

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