

WZDM – Third Quarter Issues – Summary 2018

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Here is the issues file for the third quarter for the Vincennes cluster. Thanks...

This is a recap of news stories covered in the third quarter of 2018 by the radio stations WAOV, WZDM, and WUZR. The stories were covered in newscasts of varying length throughout the day.

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

#1 (City-- comprehensive plan) (Thursday 6/28/18 ... tlz 6a)

Concerned citizens and Vincennes officials gathered yesterday at City Hall for the first meeting toward a new Comprehensive Plan. Last night's session was a step toward the first update of the City of Vincennes' plan since 2012. (Issue: Public awareness and improvement)

Vincennes Bans Glass from Recycling Program
jds 6-28-18 12n
(updated 6/29)

The City of Vincennes says beginning July 2nd, the city's curbside recycling program will no longer pick up glass.

The city says the processor of the city's recycling material will no longer accept glass. (Issue: Community awareness and information)

#2 (Knox County accreditation) (Friday 6/29/18 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes based Children and Family Services Corporation has received a Gold Seal of Approval for Behavioral Health Care Accreditation. The honor was presented by the federal health care group the Joint Commission. (Issue: public awareness and interest)

#3 (Citco-- Landscape Ordinance) (Tuesday 7/10/18 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council approved updates to the City's Landscape ordinance at last night's session. Council's Recreation, Tourism, and Public Areas Committee brought the issue to the full Council. The vote for the changes was five-two, with Councilmen Tim

Salters and Brian Grove voting against it. (Issue: Public awareness and general public interest)

#3 (SK-- Title One application) (Thursday 7/12/18 ... tlz 6a)

The South Knox School Board has approved the Corporation's application for South Knox Elementary's Title One program. The application covers a grant amount of nearly 84-thousand dollars.

The grant will cover the salary for a Title One teacher and most of the salary for an assistant. (Issue: Education and public interest)

(GSH-- Final Day of Magnet evals) (Friday 7/13/18 ... tlz 6a)

Today is the last of three days of nurse evaluation at Good Samaritan Hospital for the Magnet certification. This is the third time the Hospital's nurses have been examined for the nursing-based honor. (Issue: Public health and awareness)

#4 (Spray Park-- ribbon cutter) (Friday 7/13/18 ... tlz 6a)

Dignitaries from across the area came out last night to Four Lakes Park for a grand opening of a new baseball-themed spray park area. The spray park is one part of a complete rehabilitation of the park area off Ollie Pickering Drive. (Issue: Public quality of life)

#3 (T-H Open House Thursday) (Monday 7/16/18 ... tlz 6a)

Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary will have an Open House on Thursday evening to showcase its new look. The school is the second of the four Vincennes Community elementary schools to get a facelift as part of an overall renovation of the schools. (Issue: Education, public awareness)

(KC Fair-- Queen contest) (Monday 7/16/18 ... tlz 6a)

Five contestants will compete tonight for the title of Knox County Fair Queen. The contest starts tonight at seven at the Vincennes University Pavilion at the Fairgrounds just south of Bicknell. Tonight's Queen contestants include Shelby Brittingham, Emily Myers, Ainsley Rodrick, Nicole Sterling, and Madison Winemiller. (Issue: quality of life, general public interest)

(Fair Queen contest) (Tuesday 7/17/18 ... tlz 6a)

Madison Winemiller was crowned last night as Miss Knox County

for 2018. Winemiller beat out four other contestants for the crown last night at the Vincennes University Pavilion at the Knox County Fairgrounds. She is the 18 year-old daughter of J.B and Paula Winemiller. She is a member of the North Knox 4-H Club. (Issue: Public interest, quality of life)

(Day of Caring Lunch) (Friday 9/28/18 ... skf/tlz 6a)

The Vincennes YMCA will hold a Spaghetti Lunch to benefit the United Way of Knox County. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Y's main building at 2010 College Avenue.

The lunch will be free for any Day of Caring volunteers wearing their volunteer shirts. The cost is ten dollars for all others. The lunch includes spaghetti with sauce, bread, salad, drink and dessert. Carryout meals are available.

For more information, contact the Vincennes YMCA at (812)895-9622.

(Utd Way of KC-- VITA volunteers) (Thursday 7/19/18 ... tlz 6a)

The United Way of Knox County is seeking volunteers to train for tax help in February of next year. The VITA-- or Volunteers in Tax Assistance-- program offers free tax help throughout the month of February. The program is a drop-off service through public library locations in Vincennes and Bicknell. (Issue: Community service)

(Moving the Walk with a Doc) (Friday 7/20/18 ... tlz 6a)

#5 Good Samaritan Hospital's "Walk With a Doc" will make a one-week move tomorrow to the Vincennes Riverwalk. The walk will begin at the Riverwalk trailhead at First and Main at nine a-m Saturday. (Issue: Public health and awareness)

(Skelton wrap) (Monday 7/23/18 ... tlz 6a)

People from across the area and beyond came out over the weekend for the Red Skelton Festival at Vincennes University. The main part of the event was held on the grounds near the Red Skelton Museum, and Skelton Performing Arts Center. (Issue: General public interest, quality of life, history)

(INDOT-- Hart Street finishing) (Monday 7/23/18 ... tlz 6a)

#6 Indiana Department of Transportation crews are putting the final touches on an improvement of the Hart Street overpass at U-S 41. The work had earlier caused lane restrictions in both directions over the bridge. (Issue: Public safety, road improvements)

(Four Lakes Park-- usage) (Tuesday 7/24/18 ... tlz 6a)

The public has taken full advantage of the improved facilities at Four Lakes Park. The improvements include a new shelter house, updated restrooms and playground equipment, and a new spray park. (Issue: quality of life, public awareness)

(VPD-- National Night Out) (Wednesday 7/24/18 ... tlz 6a)

#4 Vincennes Police are preparing for the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, July 31st at Rainbow Beach. The free event will run from six to eight p-m at the pool at Gregg Park in Vincennes. (Issue: quality of life, safety)

(Stage Door Canteen) (Thursday 7/26/18 ... tlz 6a)

The annual Vincennes Stage Door Canteen is planned for Saturday, September eighth at Vincennes' Green Activities Center. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the annual fund-raiser benefiting the U-S-O. (Issue: Military remembrance, quality of life)

(B'wagon-- Stellar update) (Wednesday 7/25/18 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 7/26)

#1 Vincennes and Bicknell City, and Knox County, officials updated their Stellar Regional collaboration at yesterday's Bandwagon session. The Knox County Chamber of Commerce held the monthly session at Vincennes University's Green Activities Center. (Issue: economic development, public awareness)

(Washington pool closure) (Thursday 7/26/18 ... tlz 6a)

An equipment problem could mean an early end to the season at the pool in Washington. The City of Washington has announced the City's WaterWorld facility is closed until further notice. (Issue: quality of life, general public interest)

(Signal issues) (Wednesday 8/1/18 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Engineer John Sprague is planning a thorough review of the City's stoplight equipment. The review was brought on by the failure of the stoplight at Sixth and State. The equipment problem has caused a change to a flashing-yellow light, with Sixth

Street traffic having the right of way. (Issue: Public Safety, public awareness, general public interest)

(Rainbow Beach-- National Night Out) (Friday 8/3/18 ... tlz 6a)

It was another successful National Night Out for the Vincennes Police Department last night. The annual event happened from six to eight p-m at Vincennes' Rainbow Beach Family Aquatic Center. (Issue: Public safety, quality of life, public awareness)

(KCDC-- Stellar video) (Friday 8/3/18 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 8/4)

#1 The Knox County Development Corporation has announced plans to do a promotion video for the A-Region-PLUS Stellar campaign. A-Region-PLUS is the Stellar collaboration between the governments of Vincennes, Bicknell, and Knox County. (Issue: community development, quality of life)

(City-- bid opening) (Monday 8/6/18 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 8/7)

#1 The Vincennes Board of Works has taken bids under advisement for work under a grant to improve nine Main Street facades. The proposals are part of a re-bidding of the work. (Issue: General public interest, city beautification)

(Perdue to take over Cargill elevators) (Tuesday 8/7/18 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 8/8)

There will be new life for the former Cargill grain elevators on the south edge of Vincennes. Perdue AgriBusiness is re-opening the Ramsey Road facility in time for this year's harvest. (Issue: public enrichment, community financial improvement)

#2 (Comm-- Invasive species ordinance) (Wednesday 8/8/18 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners have approved on final reading an invasive species ordinance. The ordinance prohibits any plant listed on Indiana's medium risk or high risk invasive species list from being sold in Knox County. The ordinance does not include the sale of plant seeds. (Issue: public awareness, public interest)

(VCSC-- Back to School) (Thursday 8/9/18 ... tlz 6a)

Students with Vincennes Community Schools are the last Knox County corporation to send students back to school, starting today. North Knox, South Knox, and Vincennes Catholic schools all started classes on Tuesday. (Issue: Public information, education, safety)

Loogootee Man Arrested for Possession of Child Pornography Jds 8-13-18

Loogootee Police arrested a 71-year-old Loogootee man Friday for Possession of Child Pornography.

The arrest of Timothy Guy followed an investigation into a complaint about a man inside the Wendy's Restaurant who was viewing what appeared to be child pornography.

During the investigation, Guy gave police permission to search the content of the computer and an external hard drive. (Issue: child safety, public safety, public awareness)

(State of City) (Tuesday 8/14/18 ... tlz 6a)

#1 Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum painted a positive picture of the City of Vincennes during last night's State of the City address. Mayor Yochum made the annual speech last night at City Hall. (Issue: Public knowledge and awareness, community involvement)

(GSH-- Soldiers' health) (Thursday 8/16/18 ... tlz 6a)

Good Samaritan Hospital has shipped 12 boxes of food and personal care items to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The shipments were provided by members of the Hospital's Physical Medicine Department. (Issue: public information, quality of life, public charity)

(RDC-- Parking lot proceeding) (Thursday 8/16/18 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 8/17)

#1 The Vincennes Redevelopment Commission has approved the design, advertising, and bidding of another parking lot at Sixth and Main. The parking lot would be placed on the former gas station location on the northeast side of the intersection. (Issue: public interest, quality of life)

Good Samaritan Names New Chief Medical Officer Jds 8-19-18

Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes has selected Molly Weiss as chief medical officer.

Weiss, who works with Vincennes Orthopedics at Good

Samaritan, has been a part of the hospital since 2005.

Weiss succeeds Charles Hedde, who died earlier this year.
(Issue: public health and safety, public awareness)

(First Food Truck Monday) (Tuesday 8/21/18 ... tlz 6a)

#4
A good number of people came to the Vincennes Riverwalk yesterday evening for the first-ever Food Truck Night. Food vendors of various types gathered in downtown Vincennes from five to eight p-m to offer their selections to the public. (Issue: quality of life, public awareness)

(VU-- Renovation funding) (Thursday 8/23/18 ... tlz 6a)

The State of Indiana has awarded 12 and a half million dollars for two coming Vincennes University renovation projects. The funding includes eight million dollars for work on Shake Learning Resources Center, and four and a half million dollars for the Welsh Administrative Building. (Issue: education, public awareness)

#3
(Lib. Bd-- Summer reading recap) (Thursday 8/23/18 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Library Board heard a recap of the Library's Summer Reading program. The 2018 Knox County Summer Reading program was called "Libraries Rock!"

Youth Library coordinator Roger Stremming told the Board the numbers for the program were down this year. (Issue-- education, public interest)

(Gov in Vincennes) (Monday 8/27/18 ... tlz 6a)

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Republican Senate candidate Mike Braun came to Vincennes over the weekend for a town-hall style Lincoln Day dinner at Vincennes University. The dinner was hosted by the Knox County Republican Party. (Issue: political awareness, political figure's local tie)

(WW II Salute) (Tuesday 8/28/18 ... tlz 6a)

The Salute to World War Two is set for this Saturday and Sunday at the Indiana Military Museum. The event will happen from nine to five on Saturday, and nine to four on Sunday. (Issue: military support, public awareness)

(B'nell Heritage Fest) (Friday 8/31/18 ... tlz 6a)

Food locations for the 49th annual Bicknell Heritage Labor Day Festivals will start opening this afternoon across Bicknell. The food locations will be open through Labor Day. (Issue: quality of life, public information)

(Salute to WW II wrap) (Monday 9/4/18 ... tlz 6a)

A good number of people from across the area came out to the Indiana Military Museum for the weekend's "Salute to World War Two." The military remembrance event was held Saturday and Sunday at the Museum location on South Sixth Street in Vincennes. (Issue: Military awareness, public information)

(Fr. Fleck on leave) (Monday 9/10/18 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes Catholic priest Father Dave Fleck has been placed on administrative leave on an allegation of a decades-old case of sexual misconduct. The Catholic Diocese of Evansville says that Father Fleck has been placed on administrative leave while the allegation is investigated. Father Fleck has denied the claim against him. (Issue: public awareness, public interest)

(St. Clair Hill work) (Monday 9/10/18 ... tlz 6a)

Saint Clair Hill will be closed today for tree removal alongside the street. The work will affect Saint Clair Street from 16th Street to the street's ending at Wabash Avenue. (Issue: public awareness, public safety)

(Budget-- preview) (Tuesday 9/11/18 ... tlz 6a)

Today begins the three-day series of budget meetings for the Knox County Council. The first two sessions involve hearing budget requests from various County departments, with the third session dedicated to setting the actual budgets for next year. (Issue: Finance, public interest)

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(9/11-- Fire memorial) (Tuesday 9/11/18 ... tlz 12n)

(updated 9/12)

Vincennes City and Vincennes Township firemen joined together again yesterday to remember the victims of 9/11. This is the 16th year for the two departments to raise a large American flag over U-S 41 at the Hart Street overpass.

(B'nell Citco-- budget hearing) (Wednesday 9/12/18 ... tlz 6a)

#1
The Bicknell City Council is considering a 2019 budget with a sizable increase in pay for many of its police officers. At a public hearing for the budget, Council members announced the budget includes a three-thousand dollar increase for all policemen with the rank of First Class Patrolman.

#4
(Broadband grant-- Greene) (Thursday 9/13/18 ... tlz 6a)

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs-- or OCRA-- has awarded a broadband Internet access grant to Greene County. The grant includes connections for the towns of Switz City, Bloomfield, Jasonville, and Worthington. (Issue: Public information, technology access)

(Fire Prevention Week) (Monday 9/17/18 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County elementary students will get involved in remembering Fire Safety Week early next month. The week is set aside by Fire Department personnel to education pupils on fire safety. (Issue: public safety, education)

Petersburg Receives \$9.2 USDA Loan to Upgrade Water Supply
Jds 9-18-18

#1
The City of Petersburg has received a 9.2-million-dollar USDA loan to improve its water source, water treatment, and water storage.

Officials say the city's current water treatment plant has outlived its useful life and is in poor condition. (Issue: public quality of life, water quality)

(IEDC Award-- Quality of Place grant) (Tuesday 9/18/18 ... tlz 5p)
(updated 9/19)

The State of Indiana has awarded a one and a half million dollar grant to a collaboration of Knox, Sullivan, and Vigo Counties. The grant information was released yesterday by the Indiana Economic

9/30/2018

Development Commission. (Issue: quality of life, public awareness, education)

(Homecoming timeline) (Friday 9/21/18 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes Lincoln Homecoming activities are getting underway throughout today and tonight in Vincennes.

The annual Homecoming Parade will start around three-45 this afternoon in and around downtown Vincennes. The route will use Hart Street, Fifth Street, Main Street, and Second Street. (Issue: public awareness, quality of life)