

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

The stories were covered in newscasts around the clock at different times. They were also covered in full newscast every half hour from five a-m to nine a-m, as well as 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.

### Sullivan Co. Sheriff Seeks Information on Fatal Hit and Run Accident

Jds 7-6-15

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for help in locating a vehicle involved in a fatal Saturday night hit and run accident near Sullivan.

The accident happened around 10:45 Saturday night on US 41 near Frakes Street.

67-year-old Richard Moon of Terre Haute was killed when his moped was hit from behind by a car.

The driver of the car then fled the scene.

(Fueling Freedom-- final total)(Tuesday 7/7/15 ... tlz 6a)

Indiana National Guard support groups will help share in over 54-thousand dollars raised in June 26th's "Fueling Freedom" event. The donation event was sponsored by Countrymark Co-Op locations across Indiana and Illinois. The locations included Countrymark Co-Ops in Vincennes and Oaktown.

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(Vincennes street improvement plans)(Wednesday 7/8/15 ... t1z 6a)

Vincennes City Engineer John Sprague has laid out street closings and restrictions the rest of this week as part of the City's street improvement project.

Today and tomorrow, crews will close Prairie Street between Sixth Street and Ninth Street. The affected stretch of Prairie Street will be closed from seven a-m to five p-m both days.

(HRB-- Cincinnati saloon demolition)(Wednesday 7/8/15 ... t1z 6a)

The Vincennes Historic Review Board approved a plan to demolish the former Cincinnati Saloon on North Second Street. The move will pave the way for the lot to become parking space for renovation of the old State Bank location at Second and Main Streets. The first floor of the building is occupied by Jason Kaylor State Farm Insurance; the second and third floors are currently vacant. Plans are to turn the upper floors into residential space.

(KC Sheriff's-- Sullivan fatal accident)(Monday 7/13/15 ... t1z 6a)

The Knox and Daviess County Sheriff's Departments are helping the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department with a recent fatal accident. The accident over the Fourth of July weekend led to the death of a man on a moped; the driver responsible left the scene, and is still at large.

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(BPW-- Homecoming)(Tuesday 7/14/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Board of Works has approved use of the Riverfront Pavilion for the annual Homecoming festivities on October second. The festivities will use available areas not tied up by the ongoing Second Street rehabilitation project.

(USB-- Levee repairs)(Thursday 6/20/15 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes Utilities workers are back to work on various projects to improve the Vincennes City Levee. The projects were stalled earlier this year due to continued high water on the Wabash River throughout June and July.

(GSH-- Gibault Opens)(Wednesday 7/15/15 ... tlz 4p)

(updated 7/16)

Good Samaritan Hospital held the grand opening for its Gibault Memorial Tower yesterday. The five-story in-patient structure is a state of the art facility constructed as part of the Hospital's BEACON project.

(RDC-- Future projects)(Thursday 7/16/15 ... tlz 4p)

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The Vincennes Redevelopment Commission is seeking direction on work on the Main Street project. City officials are looking for ways to finance improvements along Main Street from 22nd Street south toward the City limits.

(LC Board-- LC Jail committee)(Friday 7/17/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Lawrence County Board has named a committee to consider repairs or replacement of the Lawrence County Jail. A recent survey found the facility in dire need of repairs.

The committee will consist of Board members Judy Phipps, Tim Brewer, and Bill Bryan. The entire Board approved the committee members upon recommendation of Board president Bill Gray.

(VU-- First day today)(Monday 8/24/15 ... tlz 6a)

Today is the first day of classes for Vincennes University. Students returned to Vincennes late last week, and over the weekend, to prepare for today's class opening.

(Library-- Renovation honor)(Friday, 7/17/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Public Library will receive the Western Region Preservation Award for the restoration of its renovation of the main level of the historic Carnegie Library. The award will honor the Library for its recently completed, 1919-era restoration of its Youth Center.

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(67 work at 41)(Monday 7/20/15 ... tlz 6a)

Drivers headed from Vincennes to the Knox County Fair in Bicknell this week are reminded to be aware of bridge work on State Road 67. The bridge at 67's connection with U-S 41 will be under construction through mid-November.

(Flooding update)(Tuesday 7/22/15 ... tlz 6a)

Both the White and Wabash Rivers are set to crest today at various areas affecting Knox County.

The highest crest level is on the White River at Hazleton. The White River at Hazleton will crest this afternoon at 24 feet, eight feet above flood stage. Upriver, the White at Petersburg will top out just over 23 feet this morning-- around seven feet above flood stage.

(NK-- Budget overview)(Wednesday 7/22/15 ... tlz 12n)

(updated 7/23)

The North Knox School Corporation will have to find a way to cut another seven percent from its budget for 2016. North Knox Schools Superintendent Darrell Bobe broke the bad news during a preliminary budget review at yesterday's North Knox School Board meeting.

(VFD-- Meritorious Awards)(Tuesday 7/27/15 ... tlz 6a)

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Two Vincennes firemen were honored at last night's Vincennes City Council session in separate events of merit.

The first award went to Captain James Beamon. Beamon was nominated by Vincennes City Police officer Cody Waggoner.

#### 150 Area Miners Laid Off in Sunrise Coal Mines- 103 in Oaktown

tl/jds 7-28-15

A total of 150 area coal miners will be affected by cut-backs at three Sunrise Coal-based mines in the area.

Sunrise Coal spokeswoman Susan Jaworski says the largest number -103 jobs- will be cut at the Oaktown Black Panther mine.

43 more jobs will be cut at Sunrise's Carlisle Mine, with four layoffs at Sunrise's Ace in the Hole mine in Clay City.

(GSH-- Financial loss)(Wednesday 7/29/15 ... tlz 6a)

Good Samaritan Hospital has reported a financial loss for the month of June. Hospital president Rob McLin reported to the G-S-H Board an operating loss of just over one-point-three million dollars in June. The Hospital's net loss in June was just over two million dollars. Hospital figures show in-patient revenue was under budget by just over two and a half percent, while outpatient revenue was over budget by just under one percent.

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(VU-- Another extension)(Thursday 7/30/15 ... t1z 6a)

Vincennes University officials have signed an agreement with New Albany's Prosser Career Education Center to be an Early College Center. The move makes Prosser the third Career Center in Indiana with V-U Early College programming. The other two cities with V-U Early College Career Centers are Indianapolis and Hammond.

(City-- Second Street flip)(Friday 7/31/15 ... t1z 6a)

Directions on Second Street will flip on Monday, as the under-construction highway will become one-way northbound. Also, Busseron, Broadway, Perry, and Seminary streets will re-open between Second and Third Streets on Monday.

(Water main break)(Tuesday, 8/4/15 ... t1z 6a)

Parts of Vincennes were affected from yesterday afternoon through last night by a water main break. The break was reported around four yesterday afternoon, causing water to gush from a manhole in the intersection of 13th and College. Vincennes Water Utilities crews stopped the water flow shortly after the call came in.

(Sunrise Coal session)(Wednesday 8/5/15 ... t1z 6a)

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Work One of Vincennes and the Knox County Development Corporation are working together to help displaced Sunrise Coal miners. The miners were laid off after a 20 percent downsizing of Sunrise coal mines in Oaktown and Carlisle.

(Back to School-- LHS Chromebooks)(Wednesday 8/5/15 ... t1z 6a)

Students at Lincoln High School will be welcomed back to school tomorrow with Chromebooks. The learning-based computer will replace the I-Pads for student learning at L-H-S.

(Vinc. Catholic Schools-- Day 1)(Thursday, 8/6/15 ... t1z 6a)

Vincennes Rivet High School students will join their Vincennes Community Schools counterparts in using Chromebooks this year. Both Vincennes school corporations start school today.

(Budget-- Day 1 recap)(Thursday, 8/6/15 ... t1z 6a)

It was smooth sailing in Day One of budget hearings before the Vincennes City Council. Council members are considering a just over eleven-million dollar budget for the City in 2016. The total budget is up about 200-thousand dollars from the current City budget.

(Monroe City-- street repairs)(Thursday 8/6/15 ... t1z 6a)

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Officials from the Indiana Department of Transportation spoke with the Monroe City Town Council last night about road repairs. Town Council members are looking for funds to help repair Cleveland Street and Buchanan Street. Both streets are being used heavily by through traffic as detours around INDOT's repair-related closing of State Road 61 through Monroe City.

(Gloria Mason's donation)(Sunday 8/9/15 ... t1z 6a)

The PACE Community Action Agency Head Start program got an over 50-thousand dollar boost from outgoing Eagles' International Grand Madam Gloria Mason.

Mason selected Head Start to receive the check, since she and her family are closely tied to the PACE Head Start program.

(SK-- Back to School)(Tuesday 8/11/15 ... t1z 6a)

South Knox students go back to school today-- the last school district in Knox County to get back to the books. South Knox Schools Superintendent Tim Grove says a full group of South Knox teachers are ready to welcome students back to class today.

(SK-- Teacher contract)(Wednesday 8/12/15 ... t1z 6a)

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The South Knox School Board has approved a two-year contract between the corporation and the South Knox Teachers' Association. The new contract gives the teachers an across the board 14-hundred dollar raise over their base salaries.

(VPD-- Community involvement)(Wednesday 8/12/15 ... t1z 6a)

Vincennes City Police Chief Dusty Luking is calling on the community to continue being the department's eyes and ears. Luking points to last week's National Night Out as proof the community is working with police officers to strengthen the community.

(Merit Comm-- officer promotions)(Wednesday 8/12/15 ... t1z 6a)

Promotion testing continues for Vincennes City Police officers. At yesterday's session of the Vincennes Police Merit Commission, it was reported the oral promotion testing is complete, with written testing yet to come. After the written test is completed, the candidates will be ranked for promotion if and when the promotions become available.

(Second Street update)(Thursday 8/13/15 ... t1z 6a)

Work on Second Street in Vincennes continues toward a fall completion date. Recently, traffic on Second Street from Main to Hart Streets switched from one way southbound to one-way northbound.

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**(Memorial Bridge work)(Monday 8/24/15 ... t1z 6a)**

The Indiana Department of Transportation is looking at a November or December tentative closing of the Memorial Bridge for repairs. The bridge crosses the Wabash River, and connects Westport, Illinois with downtown Vincennes.

**(Sunrise Worker retraining)(Thursday 8/13/15 ... t1z 6a)**

Displaced workers from the recent downsizing at Sunrise Coal came to Vincennes to start the road toward re-employment. Around 30 of the over 100 workers attended a Work One rapid response session to help them start the process toward finding new employment.

**(L'ville Citco-- Sanitation contract)(Friday 8/14/15 ... t1z 6a)**

The Lawrenceville City Council has approved a renewed sanitation contract with Republic for the next year. The new contract will keep the same rate per ton for haul-away of City trash.

**(KCDC-- OCRA management grant)(Monday 7/17/15 ... t1z 6a)**

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The Knox County Development Corporation is seeking a state grant to help with workers moving into management for the first time.

Officials at Vincennes' F-I-A plant brought the issue before the K-C-D-C.

(Second Street update)(Tuesday 8/18/15 ... tlz 6a)

A two-week delay in the completion of the Second Street project hasn't dampened the optimism of City officials. The project is still set for a fall completion date.

(KC Parks-- Dog Park to Open)(Tuesday 8/25/15 ...am 6a)

Knox County Parks officials are putting the final touches in place on a new county-wide dog park. The park's fencing was put in place earlier this month.

Superintendent Rama Sobhani says a lock system for the park has been ordered.

(Princeton boil order)(Wednesday 8/26/15 ... tlz 6a)

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Princeton residents are under a boil order today, due to a water leak reported on West Brumfield Road in Princeton. The boil order means Princeton residents are advised to boil their water for at least five minutes before drinking.

(United Way kickoff) (Thursday 8/27/15 ... tlz 6a)

The United Way of Knox County's annual kickoff will take place today at the Knox County Public Library from five to seven p.m.

United Way campaign chair Kaleena McCormick says this year's kickoff focus is on early education

(Budget finalized)(Friday 8/28/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Council has finalized its proposal for the 2016 county budget. Council members wrapped up their work on the budget late last night at the Knox County Courthouse.

(Monroe City-- finishing touches)(Monday 8/31/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Indiana Department of Transportation hopes to complete the State Road 61 project in Monroe City in the weeks to come.

State Road 61 through much of Monroe City has been closed since the spring so the project could be completed. That means many vehicles have taken side streets in Monroe City as an unofficial detour. The added traffic has caused excessive strain on those streets; INDOT's Jason Tiller says INDOT will do what they can to help Monroe City cope with

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the damage.

(Great American Shake-Out)(Monday 8/31/15 ... tiz 6a)

Emergency agencies and others across the Midwest are preparing for the annual "Great Midwest Shake-Out" on October 15th. The earthquake drill is designed to ensure readiness in case of a major tremor on the New Madrid (MAD-rid) or Wabash Valley fault lines.

The Knox County Area Plan Commission will discuss the naming of a new Executive Director this evening. The discussion will happen in an executive session following tonight's regular A-P-C session.

(IFB-- Call for gas tax increase)(Wednesday 9/2/15 ... tiz 6a)

The Indiana Farm Bureau is calling for an increase in the state's gasoline tax to help repair Indiana's crumbling roads. The call came at the recent state Farm Bureau policy conference.

(APC-- New Director search)(Thursday 9/3/15 ... tiz 6a)

The Knox County Area Plan Commission started preliminary discussions to find the A-P-C's next Executive Director. Current director Dixie Shouse is retiring at the end of the year.

A-P-C members discussed various parts of the job's description. The key parts of the job include computer skills, and

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a familiarity with both county and state zoning codes.

(HRB-- Demolition update)(Thursday 9/3/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Board of Works has scheduled a special session at noon Wednesday to consider emergency demolition at 401 and 403 Main Street. Vincennes City Inspector Phil Cooper says the building shared by 401 and 403 Main Street should be torn down quickly for public safety. The planned tear-down would end at a wall separating 403 and 405 Main Street.

(VPD-- Proclamation)(Tuesday, 9/29/15 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Police Chief Dusty Luking presented a proclamation to paramedic Steph Vance for actions in a July first incident. The incident started with a call to handle a suspicious man at Second and Hart Streets. The man was high on bath salts at the time of the incident.

**Daviess Community Hospital Medical Clinic Adds Nephrology Services**

jds 9-10-15

Beginning this month, Daviess Community Hospital's Medical

Clinic will offer Nephrology services provided by physicians with St.

Mary's Medical Group.

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The move is a result of the recent partnership between

Daviess Community Hospital and St. Mary's Health, which was

announced last month.

Vijay Bhasin, MD, with St. Mary's Medical Group Nephrology,

will provide services for patients with kidney-related health issues.

Bhasin will be available at the Medical Clinic twice monthly.

(Stage Door Canteen)(Friday 9/11/15 ... tlz 6a)

The annual U-S-O Stage Door Canteen performance is planned for tomorrow night at Vincennes University's Green Activities Center. The show will happen from eight to ten p-m; it will feature both local acts and the swing band the Temple-Airs.

(L'ville Citco-- New Employee agreement)(Friday 9/11/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Lawrenceville City Council approved a one-year contract last night with Lawrenceville City employees. The new contract offers a just under three percent increase, as part of a cost-of-living adjustment.

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**VCSC Report Cards - for 9 14 15 - mrl**

When the first nine weeks is finished at the Vincennes Community Schools, parents and students will see a big change in how grades are reported.

Only about 30 percent of parents have signed up for the program thus far, but VCSC Curriculum Director Barry Stone says when they do sign up parents will have more accurate information about how their child is doing in school.

**(VPD-- Chief-- shooting reax)(Tuesday 9/15/15 ... tlz 6a)**

Police safety is back in the focus, after yet another fatal shooting of a policeman in the line of duty. On Sunday night, a Kentucky State Police trooper was gunned down during a traffic stop in rural western Kentucky.

**(Citco-- First budget reading)(Tuesday, 9/15/15 ... tlz 6a)**

The Vincennes City Council has approved its 2016 budget on first reading. The proposed budget totals just over 13-million, 380-thousand dollars. Just under eight million dollars of the budget is in the City's General Fund; the second largest budget item is just under two point four million dollars for the City Fire Department.

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**Former Washington Mayor Dave Abel Dies**

Jds 9-16-15

**Former Washington Mayor Dave Abel died Monday at the age of 62**

Abel was elected to one term as Washington Mayor in 2003.

Visitation will be on Thursday at Antioch Christian Church in Washington from 4:00 until 9:00 P.M.

(LC Board-- Possible new jail)(Friday 9/18/15 ... tlz 6a)

Lawrence County officials are considering placement of a new jail in Lawrence County, due to overcrowding at the current facility. Lawrence County Board president Bill Gray says a current County Jail committee may be expanded to consider building a new facility.

(Continued paving in Vincennes)(Thursday 9/18/15 ... tlz 6a)

Sixth Street is being affected while milling and paving happens from College Avenue to Vigo Street. Work will be done in one phase from College Avenue to Hart Street, and in another phase from Hart to Vigo. Work on Sixth Street is expected to happen both today and Monday.

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(Paving-- new work)(Monday, 9/21/15 ... tlz 6a)

Paving work is scheduled to continue in various parts of Vincennes again today. Scheduled work today will happen with paving on Sixth Street between Vigo Street and College Avenue, and work beginning on Washington Avenue. The work on Washington Avenue will include scheduled work at the intersection of Belle Crossing.

(Memorial Bridge's delayed closing)(Tuesday 9/22/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to close the Memorial Bridge for repairs in March of next year. The delay will allow visitors an easy way to reach downtown Vincennes through the busy Christmas shopping season.

(GSH-- Surplus amendment)(Wednesday 9/23/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Good Samaritan Hospital Board of Governors has approved the sale of equipment made surplus as part of the BEACON project. At last night's Board meeting, the Board gave Hospital president Rob McLin the right to sell the surplus to the community at fair market rates. After that, the remaining surplus can be offered by E-mail to non-profit agencies.

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(Hagen sworn in)(Tuesday 9/29/15 ... tlz 6a)

Brian Hagen was sworn in late yesterday afternoon as the newest Knox County Coroner. Hagen took the oath from Knox Circuit Court Judge Sherri Gilmore in her courtroom at the Knox County Courthouse. Hagen replaces Gordon Becher as Knox County Coroner; Becher stepped down as Coroner to take a position with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office.

(Citco-- 2016 Council Ordinance)(Tuesday 9/29/15 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council has passed on first reading both the elected and non-elected City officials' salary ordinance. The elected officials salary ordinance covers the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and City Council members' salaries for next year. The other ordinance covers all non-elected workers in all City departments. The salary ordinance will be up for second and third reading in future Council sessions. The vote to approve the ordinances on first reading was 5-2, with Council members Tim Salters and Ashley Morris voting against the ordinance.

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