

This is a recap of news stories covered in the second quarter of ²⁰¹⁷~~2015~~ by radio station WZDM. The stories were reported from April first to June 30th, 2017.

The stories were covered in newscasts of between 3 and 5 minutes. The newscasts were broadcast every half hour between 5 and 9 am, and again at noon, four p-m, and five p-m. A list of stories covered follows: the list is not comprehensive.

(Southern Sullivan County crash) (Tuesday 4/5/17 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 4/6)
(NOTE: "Samual" is the correct spelling)

One person is dead and a Vincennes man was critically injured in a one-vehicle rollover crash on Old U-S 41 in Sullivan County. The accident was near 11155 South Old U-S 41. The injured man has been identified as Samual Alan Mack. He is currently is listed in critical condition at Terre Haute Regional Hospital

(Attempted child murder) (Wednesday 4/6/17 ... tlz 6a)

A Vincennes man is charged with attempted murder in an incident yesterday at 1323 Bayou.

Authorities learned of the situation just after 1:30 yesterday afternoon, when a caller told Knox County Central Dispatch "I killed my son." The five year-old boy was found un-responsive at the home. The child was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, and then airlifted.

(Child passes away in Indianapolis) (Thursday 4/6/17 ... tlz 6a)

The five year-old child who was found un-responsive earlier this week in a home at 1323 Bayou Street died this morning at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. The child died just before two this morning, from injuries suffered in a Tuesday afternoon incident at his home.

(Businesses of the Year) (Monday 4/10/17 ... tlz 12n)

Farbest Foods has been named as Business of the Year by the Knox County Chamber of Commerce. The award also includes the Farbest brooder hub and subsidiary J-F-S Milling.

Farbest Foods main plant in Knox County is a large facility just south of Vincennes in the U-S 41 Industrial Park. The company is headquartered in Huntingburg; it employs 14-hundred people, and processes nearly 60-thousand turkeys per day.

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(B'nell BPW-- Carroll suspension) (Tuesday 4/11/17 ... tlz 6a)

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(VPD-- Remembering Gabriel) (Tuesday 4/11/17 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Police Chief Dusty Luking is asking the community to remember five year-old Gabriel Baldwin. Baldwin died Thursday at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis; his father, 53 year-old Robert James Baldwin, is charged with his murder.

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(City Parks-- Leicester fitness) (Thursday 4/13/17 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Parks officials are are seeking various grant options to pay for proposed all-weather fitness gear. The equipment would be installed in Leicester Square, as part of the City's emphasis on City fitness.

(Oaktown-- Accident with injury) (Thursday 4/13/17 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 4/14)

Two Jasonville men have died, and an Oaktown woman was injured, in a two-vehicle accident yesterday. The accident happened in the southbound lanes of U-S 41 just north of Oaktown.

(Wet weeks ahead) (Monday 4/17/17 ... tlz 6a)

A weather forecaster says a pattern of wet weather could continue at

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least through the first part of May. Meteorologist Ryan Martin believes the rain could start later this week.

(Comm-- Claim held up) (Tuesday 4/18/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners have held up a claim from the Knox County Health Department concerning purchase of a new Department vehicle. The claim calls for the 20-thousand dollar purchase to be made from Jasper's Ruxer Ford.

The delay will allow the Commissioners to get more information about the purchase.. Commissioner Tim Ellerman spoke against the claim; he believes all County agencies should buy their materials from local providers as much as possible.

(Train vs.woman--Ouabache Trails) (Wednesday 4/19/17 ... tlz 6a)

A Vincennes woman has died after being struck by a C-S-X train at Ouabache Trails Park last night. The train engineer called in the accident around nine-40 p-m. The collision involved 27 year-old Haley Reeves; it happened on the tracks between Fort Knox Road and the lower park area of Ouabache Trails Park. Reeves was pronounced dead at the scene.

(City Parks-- Rainbow Beach opening) (Thursday 4/20/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Parks Department is preparing Rainbow Beach for a planned opening on Saturday, May 27th.

(Yochum-- City street work) (Tuesday 4/25/17 ... tlz 6a)

Street improvement projects are now underway in the City of Vincennes. The work began yesterday with milling operations; the milling will be followed by large City paving projects.

(CoCo-- Money back to Knox County) (Thursday 4/27/17 ... tlz 6a)

Starting next year, Knox County will get 320-thousand dollars in general fund money returned to its coffers. The money was being withheld by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

(Fitness Park's boost) (Thursday 4/27/17 ... tlz 12n)

The Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation has given a five-thousand

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dollar donation toward purchasing fitness equipment at Lester Square. The Vincennes Parks Department is seeking the apparatus as part of a City effort to improve the health of its citizens.

(Bicknell crash-- one injured) (Monday 5/1/17 ... tlz 6a)

A Bicknell teen was injured yesterday afternoon in a three-vehicle accident on State Road 67 in Bicknell.

The accident happened at State Road 67 and Washington Street. Bicknell City Police report the car driven by 17 year-old Elyssa Moreland pulled from Washington Street onto 67.

(Better rural road formula) (Monday 5/1/17 ... tlz 6a)

Many area counties will benefit from a reduced match requirement for Indiana Community Crossings grants. The reduction was added as part of the recently-approved Indiana road maintenance bill.

(Flooding concerns) (Monday 5/1/17 ... djf/tlz 6a)

Flooding remains a problem for some area residents today, as heavy weekend rainfall struck many parts of the area. According to the National Weather Service, the Embarras at Lawrenceville will crest tomorrow just over 38 feet. Flood stage for the Embarras at Lawrenceville is 30 feet.

(Oaktown woman dies after crash) (Monday 5/1/17 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 5/2)

An Oaktown woman has died following a crash on U-S 41 close to State Road 550 near Emison. The accident claimed the life of 30 year-old Hillary Gregory of Oaktown; authorities say she died after her transfer to an Evansville hospital.

VCSC - Tecumseh-Harrison Meeting - for 5 2 17 - mrl

Parents and students at Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary School have been given more information about the education plans for next school year. The building will be gutted and rebuilt with additional space added beginning this June. The year long work will require all students to be educated at other Vincennes locations.

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(Decker death under investigation) (Wednesday 5/3/17 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 5/4)

Authorities are investigating the case of a man found dead in his Decker home.

The man was identified as 46 year-old Jack Lowe. Lowe was found dead in his residence in the 400-block of North Third Street in Decker; the body was found by first responders who had entered the residence.

(B'nell Citco-- Water planning grant) (Tuesday 5/9/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Bicknell City Council has approved Commonwealth Engineers to work on a planning grant for the City of Bicknell. The engineering firm will work with the City on formalizing the application for a Water Department study grant.

(YMCA of Vincennes-- donation) (Thursday 5/11/17 ... tlz 6a)

The YMCA of Vincennes has received a 25-hundred dollar donation from the Vincennes Elks. The Elks donation is for two programs-- including the Y's Third Grade Water Safety program, and the annual Kids' Triathlon.

(Storms-- current outages) (Thursday 5/11/17 ... tlz 6a)

A line of strong thunderstorms pounded the area last night into early this morning, causing some area power outages.

The first wave struck in and just to the south of the Terre Haute area. Duke Energy reports power was knocked out to around ten-thousand people in the immediate Terre Haute area. Scattered outages were also reported in and around Sullivan, and in Greene County near Bloomfield. A few power problems were reported in the Loogootee area.

(KCCF-- Grant cycle) (Friday 5/12/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2017 Community grant cycle. The "Community Good" grants are for charitable partners directly or indirectly serving Knox County residents.

The grants range from one thousand to five thousand dollars. The applications are due in by Friday, June 30th.

(Brocksmitth-- Farm Mom of the Year) (Tuesday 5/16/17 ... tlz 6a)

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Knox County's Susan Brocksmith is still adjusting to her new title of "Farm Mom of the Year." Brocksmith was informed that she had won the title on Friday of last week. She was originally one of five regional winners to compete for the title.

Library Board Meets - for 5 17 17 - mrl

The McGrady-Brockman House of the Knox County Library will be getting some interior repairs. The Library Board voted to pay Jack Inboden Construction of Lawrenceville \$15,400 to do the ceiling repairs on the second floor of the building that houses the historical collection of the library.

(Wreaths Across Vincennes) (Thursday 5/18/17 ... tlz 6a)

All three Vincennes service groups-- Kiwanis, Rotary, and Civitan-- are joining forces for "Wreaths Across Vincennes. The goal is to place a wreath on the graves of all veterans buried in Vincennes city cemeteries. The effort is tied in with the national group "Wreaths Across America."

(Citco-- PILOT payment) (Tuesday 5/23/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council accepted a payment in lieu of taxes from the Vincennes Housing Authority for 46-thousand, 65 dollars. The payment was presented during last night's meeting of the Vincennes City Council.

(2nd and Niblack project) (Tuesday 5/23/17 ... tlz 6a)

Physical work is now underway on the closed area at Second and Niblack. The intersection and some surrounding areas were closed earlier this year, but actual work on the area started this week.

(McCormick passing) (Tuesday 5/23/17 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 5/24)

The City of Vincennes, and its citizens, are mourning the passing of business and community leader C. James McCormick.

McCormick was well-known for his community leadership and donations of time, talent, and treasure to many organizations.

(B'wagon-- Cleanup payout) (Thursday 5/25/17 ... tlz 6a)

17 non-profit groups, and the Vincennes Parks Department, received

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checks at yesterday's Bandwagon session. The session was held at Vincennes University's Green Activities Center.

(Vincennes-- Stellar Community) (Thursday 5/25/17 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 5/26)

The City of Vincennes has been named as one of three finalists in Division One of the 2017 Stellar Communities Designation Program. Division One covers communities between six-thousand and 50-thousand in population.

(Rendezvous weekend) (Friday 5/26/17 ... tlz 6a)

An estimated crowd of up to 30-thousand people is expected in Vincennes this weekend for the annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous. The event brings in re-enactors, merchants, civic groups, and visitors from across the Midwest.

(Old Lawrenceville School fire) (Friday 5/26/17 ... tlz 6a)

A fire that started just after seven p-m Eastern time last night gutted much of the old Lawrenceville High School. The fire started in the structure's east wing, and spread through the middle of the building into part of its west wing.

(City-- Stellar Award) (Wednesday 5/31/17 ... tlz 6a)

The City of Vincennes is preparing for a visit as part of their finalist status for the statewide Stellar Award. Vincennes is one of three cities eligible for the award in Category One.

(Farmers' Market weekend) (Thursday 6/1/17 ... tlz 6a)

Officials with the Vincennes Farmers' Market remind the community the Market is now open on Saturday mornings. The Market at the Riverfront Pavilion in downtown Vincennes opened for the season the Saturday before Memorial Day.

(Lawrenceville fire-- week later) (Thursday 6/1/17 ... tlz 6a)

One week has passed since a fire devastated part of the old Lawrenceville High School building. The fire's cause at this point is still considered as undetermined. The Illinois State Fire Marshal's office has been called in to help investigate the case.

(Feds-- meth charges) (Thursday 6/1/17 ... tlz 12n)

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(updated 6/2)

A Bridgeport man has been sentenced to nearly 17 years in federal prison on meth-related charges.

47 year-old Kelly Cessna pled guilty to two counts of meth dealing, and conspiracy to deal methamphetamine. Cessna was sentenced in the Federal Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

(Yochum-- Next Step for Facades) (Tuesday 6/6/17 ... tlz 6a)

City officials want to re-apply for a 500-thousand dollar facade grant for Vincennes businesses. The State of Indiana did not award the grant funding to the City in its latest awards announced last week.

(VPD-- Car-train accident) (Wednesday 6/7/17 ... tlz 6a)

Two Illinois residents were injured yesterday afternoon in a car-train accident at the Minneapolis Street crossing in Vincennes.

A vehicle driven by 19 year-old Mackenzie Thompson of Lawrenceville was crossing the tracks when it was struck by a C-S-X train. Thompson and a passenger-- 23 year-old Courtney McDonald, of Robinson-- were injured in the collision.

Vincennes Fire Dept. Receives Grant
Jds/tlz 6-7-17

The Vincennes City Fire Department receives a much needed financial boost.

The department has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(Fatal accident-- man arrested) (Wednesday 6/7/17 ... tlz 6a)

One person is dead, four others are injured, and one was arrested in a morning accident on River Road near Perdue Road.

The accident happened around one-15 a-m, when a vehicle lost control on River Road. The vehicle rolled over, and was found on its side. At least one person was trapped in the vehicle, with others thrown from the vehicle.

(Stellar Communities meetings) (Thursday 6/8/17 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City officials are continuing the preparation for their potential naming as an Indiana Stellar Community. The City of Vincennes joins Madison and Greensburg as the three finalists in Stellar Communities,

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Category One.

(Hot weekend-- water supply) (Friday 6/9/17 ... tlz 6a)

A hot weekend is being forecast-- which will mean more water usage to beat the heat.

(Fatal Lawrence County accident) (Monday 6/12/17 ... tlz 6a)

A Lawrenceville woman was killed and two others were injured in a one-vehicle weekend accident on the Chauncey Blacktop north of U-S 50.

The accident happened when a Jeep driven by 37 year-old Jeremy Darnell was northbound on the blacktop, also known as Lawrence County Road 220 East. Illinois State Police report the Jeep blew out its left rear tire, causing the vehicle to leave the road.

11-Year-Old Killed in Gibson Co. ATV Accident
Jds 6-1-17

An 11-year-old Gibson County boy died Tuesday afternoon in an ATV accident near the town of Francisco.

Indiana Conservation Officers say the boy, from Haubstadt, was operating a side by side ATV in a field when the vehicle rolled over during a turn.

(BPW-- Fire Department moves) (Wednesday 6/14/17 ... tlz 6a)

A new firefighter has been sworn in for service to the Vincennes City Fire Department. Tyler Halter took the oath of office before the City Board of Works.

Vincennes City Fire Chief Sonny Pinkstaff says Halter continues his family's long line of public service to the City.

(Miss Indiana prelim winners) (Friday 6/16/17 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes' Ellie Barmes was one of two preliminary winners last night in the Indiana's Outstanding Teen competition. Last night was Night Two of both the Miss Indiana and Indiana's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageants. Barmes won the Preliminary Talent award with her vocal performance of the song "Ireland."

(Miss Indiana Winner) (Monday 6/19/17 ... edw/tlz 4a)

Ellie Barmes took home the prize of Indiana's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant over the weekend. The 17 year-old South Knox High

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School student qualified for the competition by winning the Miss Metropolitan pageant.

(VU-- Finance Committee) (Tuesday 6/20/17 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes University's Budget and Finance Committee has approved a nearly three-percent tuition increase over the next two years.

The increase was laid out in a May 19th public hearing on V-u'S main campus in vincennes.

(INDOT-- 550 closure) (Wednesday 6/21/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Indiana Department of Transportation has closed part of State Road 550 between Wheatland and Bruceville. The closing will affect the highway between Robinson Road and Deckard Road.

(City budgets) (Wednesday 6/21/17 ... tlz 6a)

Even before the year is half-finished, leaders with the City of Vincennes are preparing for the 2018 budget. Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum says the first budget forms for next year are about to be in the hands of City department heads.

(Drainage Board-- pub. hearing) (Thursday 6/22/17 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Drainage Board held a public hearing last night on proposed assessments for the Mill Creek Ditch. The Board, along with Knox County Surveyor Dick Vermillion, determined the assessments as part of an improvement of the regulated drain.

(Fueling Freedom initiative) (Friday 6/23/17 ... tlz 6a)

The annual CountryMark Co-Op "Fueling Freedom" fundraiser will be held from noon to five today across the area. Participating Knox County CountryMark stations are located in Vincennes, and on U-S 41 just north of Vincennes.

(TS Cindy arrives) (Friday 6/23/17 ... tlz 6a)

A good amount of rain is still possible throughout the day, as Tropical Storm Cindy continue traveling northeast. Weather experts say heavy rains will be the storm's biggest calling card.

(Gas prices heading up) (Monday 6/26/17 ... tlz 6a)

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Gas prices across southwest Indiana-- as in the rest of the state-- are still a bargain today. Lower crude oil prices are one factor in the decreasing gasoline price.

VCSC Construction Progress - for 6 27 17 - mrl

Work is moving quickly on the remodeling and addition to Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary. Garmong Construction Coordinator Chris Roberts reports that the selective demolition at the Second Street site is 75% complete and that footers for the addition connecting the two buildings will be laid within the next week.

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