

This is a recap of news stories covered in the ^{4th} ~~third~~ quarter of ²⁰¹⁶ ~~2015~~ by radio station WUZR. The stories were reported from October first through December 31st, ~~2015~~. 2016

The stories were covered in newscasts each hour between 6 am and 9 am. They were also covered in full newscasts at 12 noon and 5 pm..

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

(INDOT-- Main Street grant) (Monday 10/3/16 ... tlz 12N)
(updated 10/4)

The Indiana Department of Transportation has included Phase Two of the Main Street project as part of its 2021 projects list. That means INDOT will fund 80 percent of the project cost. INDOT's contribution will provide around two-point-two million dollars for the coming work. Work on the 2021 project list will begin with INDOT's 2021 fiscal year on July first, 2020.

(APC-- Man shaft consideration delay) (Wednesday, 10/5/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Area Plan Commission has delayed consideration of construction of a new miner entrance for Sunrise Coal's Oaktown Mine 1. If approved, the entrance would be on North Perry Road in Washington Township.

(KASEY program in Vincennes) (Thursday 10/6/16 ... tlz 6a)

Some Vincennes students got a fun fire education session yesterday from a retired Indianapolis fireman. Jeff Owens brought the KASEY program to both Vincennes Lincoln's Ader Auditorium, and Flaget Elementary, in separate sessions throughout the day.

Knox County Council and Commissioners Forum
Jds/tl 10-7-16

A public forum will be held later this month for Knox County Council and Commissioner Candidates.

The forum will be held Tuesday, October 25th at the Knox County Public Library Fortnightly Building at 421 North 6th Street,

County Council candidates will speak at 6:30 PM followed by the County Commissioner candidates at 7:30.

(SK--SPARTA project update) (Tuesday 10/11/16 ... tlz 6a) (SPARTA story "A")

The South Knox School Board has approved various necessary steps to

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start work toward funding the SPARTA renovation project. The 15-point-115 million dollar project is set for construction bids in February. The steps allow the oversight of a South Knox Building Corporation, sets up project financing, and allows for a lease agreement by the School Board with the Building Corporation.

(Citco-- Rezoning return) (Tuesday 10/11/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council is scheduled to finalize re-zoning this evening on property occupied by an old grain elevator. The property is located on First Street between Busseron and Broadway.

The rezoning is needed for potential construction of a three-story mixed use structure. The re-zoning would move the affected area from I-1 Industrial zoning to C-2 commercial.

(I-69 pileup) (Wednesday, 10/12/16 ... tlz 6a)

The northbound lanes of Interstate 69 were closed for hours yesterday following two accidents-- including a multi-car pileup.

The first accident happened just after four p-m, when a construction worker was struck by a vehicle in a work zone. The accident happened just south of the State Road 56 exit in northern Daviess County. The un-named worker was taken to Daviess Community Hospital for treatment of what is being called severe injuries.

(Citco-- Rezoning approval) (Wednesday 10/12/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council has passed a conditional re-zoning of the land currently owned by Robinson Grain. The land currently contains an abandoned grain elevator on First Street between Broadway and Busseron. The rezoning would lead to a new, three-story mixed use structure on the land currently occupied by the abandoned grain elevator.

(Bicknell-- Paving project) (Friday 10/14/16 ... tlz 6a)

The City of Bicknell is working toward completion of its paving projects by the end of the year. Bicknell is using the match money it recently received from the Indiana Department of Transportation to help complete its projects this year.

(ONB closing Bicknell branch) (Wednesday 10/19/16 ... tlz 6a)

Old National officials have announced their branch in Bicknell will close in early 2017. The announcement came in a letter sent to the bank's account holders; the Bicknell branch at 215 Washington Street will close at

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four p-m on Friday, January 13th.

(City Parks-- Four Lakes work) (Thursday 10/20/16 ... tlz 6a)

Progress continues to re-pave the asphalt parking lots at and near Four Lakes Park. The asphalt work is part of an overall renovation of the park itself.

Vincennes City Parks Superintendent Steve Beamon says work on those lots is well underway.

Hope's Voice is Taking a Stand against Domestic Violence in October
Jds 10-21-16

Hope's Voice of Knox County is going to "Take A Stand" to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence for Domestic Violence Awareness Month during the month of October and throughout the year. By taking a stand, the organization says it intends to remind the community that there are still countless people--victims and survivors, their children and families, their friends and family, and their communities -- impacted by domestic violence.

(RDC-- Blight elimination project) (Thursday 10/20/16 ... tlz 6a)
(updated 10/21)

The Vincennes Redevelopment Commission has approved a potential partnership for re-development of blighted properties. The R-D-C will go in with the City of Vincennes as part of an application for tax credits for the re-development.

(Vincennes man charged with murder) (Monday 10/24/16 ... tlz/djf 5p)
(updated 10/25)

A Princeton man is now charged with murder after a domestic dispute that led to the death of Lindsey Fleck.

26-year-old Lance Z. Marley was originally charged with voluntary manslaughter. However, his charge was upgraded to murder during a court appearance yesterday in Gibson County.

The incident was reported on Sunday at a South Fourth Street home in Princeton. Court documents allege Marley had stabbed Fleck multiple times during the incident. Officials say Fleck died from massive blood loss; police report finding various knives allegedly used in the incident inside the home.

(GSH-- Health Needs assessment) (Wednesday 10/26/16 ... tlz 6a)

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Good Samaritan Hospital's Board of Governors have approved a health needs assessment plan for 2017 through 2019. The needs assessment listed three major problems-- a lack of primary care doctors, reducing obesity, and increasing health knowledge.

Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting Set for Friday
Jds 10-27-16

The City of Vincennes will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday for its new Riverwalk.

The ceremony gets underway at 5:30 PM at Culbertson Boulevard and Main Street,

The over one-million-dollar project includes a platform area to view the Wabash River and new landscaping, and street lights along Culbertson Boulevard between Main and Hart Streets.

(Riverwalk ribbon cutting) (Friday 10/28/16 ... tlz 6a)

The ribbon-cutting for the Vincennes Riverwalk project is set for this afternoon at five-30. The ribbon cutting will be held at the Main Street end of the project.

The Riverwalk project is a beautification of an area beside Culbertson Boulevard from Main Street to Hart Street, and next to the Wabash River.

(POTG-- State finals) (Friday 10/28/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Lincoln Pride of the Green marching band will perform its show "What Goes Around" in tomorrow's State Finals. The Pride of the Green will perform in Class C; their performance is set for 1:23 tomorrow afternoon.

(Riverwalk ribbon cutting) (Monday 10/31/16 ... tlz 6a)

Ribbon-cutting took place Friday night for the Vincennes Riverwalk project along Culbertson Boulevard. The ceremony took place at the Riverwalk beginning at the corner of Culbertson Boulevard and Main Street.

(POTG-- Fifth at state) (Monday 10/31/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Lincoln "Pride of the Green" finished fifth over the weekend at the Indiana Marching Band State Finals. The fifth-place finish in Class "C" is the best for the band; it came in their eleventh trip to the state championships.

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(Gregg's bus tour) (Monday 10/31/16 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 11/1)

Indiana Democrat Governor's candidate John Gregg came through Vincennes yesterday as part of his bus tour across Indiana. Gregg stopped at Vincennes University's Beckes Student Union to a large reception of political figures and voters.

(Early voting--Knox) (Tuesday 11/1/16 ... tlz 6a)

Early voting continues this week across the nation for the 2016 general election. Election Day is a week from today; in Indiana, polling places will be open from six a-m to six p-m.

In Knox County, going into today, over two-thousand voters have cast early ballots through the County Clerk's office. Over 750 more have voted by mail, with just under 100 voting before a traveling election board. Finally, eleven have voted by E-mail.

(APC-- Rezoning land area) (Wednesday 11/2/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Area Plan Commission Board approved placement of a new man-shaft entrance for Sunrise Coal's Oaktown Mine 1. The entrance will be placed on North Perry Road in Washington Township. The Board approved the placement on condition a radio tower is approved by the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. The B-Z-A is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 15th.

(Miss VU pageant) (Thursday 11/3/16 ... tlz 6a)

Ten Vincennes University students will compete on Friday, November eleventh, in the annual Miss V-U pageant. This is the 51st annual Miss V-U competition; the winner will take the place of 2015 Miss V-U, Kenadi Ader.

(Japanese automaker to Washington) (Friday 11/4/16 ... tlz 6a)

Japan-based supplier M and C Tech Indiana has announced it will place a new factory along the I-69 corridor near Washington. The new plant will sit on just over six acres on Daviess County Road 200 North.

The company is a joint venture between Moniroku (MOH-nee-ROH-koo) Chemical and Chubu (CHOO-boo) Chemical. The company is a supplier for automotive companies.

(VPD-- Rape arrest and suspect sought) (Friday 11/4/16 ... tlz 6a)

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Vincennes City Police arrested a Vincennes man, and are seeking another, in a sex offense case.

City detectives investigated the incident last night in the 400-block of Felt King Road. The investigation led to the arrest of 38 year-old Barton Brand the Second on a rape charge.

Authorities are seeking 56 year-old Herbert Watters; police say he is a suspect in the case. Authorities say Waters' last known address is on West 15th Street in the Bunker Hill area.

(Robbery-- two arrests) (Friday 11/4/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Police arrested two people after checking out a robbery at gunpoint at Old Post Liquors on Willow Street.

City Police received information about the robbery yesterday afternoon. Last night, they questioned and arrested 36 year-old Travis Gilbert and 36 year-old Chad Taylor in the case.

Both men are charged with robbery with a deadly weapon. Gilbert is also charged with intimidation and criminal confinement; Taylor faces a warrant for failure to appear.

(Overnight fire) (Monday 11/7/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Fire crews responded to a kitchen fire overnight at a Raney Drive location.

Firefighters responded to 2725 Raney Drive around eleven-15 p-m. Authorities say the fire started on the kitchen stove; crews stayed on the scene around 30 minutes.

(Early Voting ends) (Monday 11/7/16 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 11/8)

Early Voting ended yesterday with many people beating the noon deadline to vote at Clerk's offices across Indiana. An estimated total of 37-hundred early votes came in before yesterday's noon deadline.

Knox County Clerk Terri Allen has worked many elections in the County Clerk's office. Allen says this year's early voting is as heavy as she has ever seen.

(Knox preview-- Commissioners) (Tuesday 11/8/16 ... tlz 6a)

Two of the three Commissioners' positions will be up for election today in Knox County. The District One seat is held by incumbent Democrat Don Halter; he faces Republican Tim Ellerman. The other seat up for grabs is District Two, as incumbent Larry Holscher faces challenger Trent Hinkle.

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(Police Dept-- Holiday Travel) (Wednesday 11/9/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City and Knox County Police will increase patrols for the Thanksgiving season. The increased enforcement period will run from Veterans' Day on Friday through December fourth.

The increased enforcement will focus on both drinking and driving, and seat belt enforcement. The increased enforcement may include saturation patrols, checkpoints, and seat belt enforcement related patrols.

The extra patrolling is funded by a statewide grant provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

(KC Council-- Two new members) (Wednesday 10/9/16 ... tlz 6a)

Two Republicans unseated two Democrat incumbents in yesterday's Knox County Council election. Harry Nolting won his first term as Knox County Councilman, while David Culp re-gained a Council seat he gave up five years ago to become Vincennes City Clerk-Treasurer. The only incumbent to keep his seat on Council is Tim Crowley; he will also be the lone Democrat on the new Knox County Council.

(SK Board-- Edwards wins) (Wednesday 11/9/16 ... tlz 6a)

Michael Edwards was named to the South Knox School Board in an election day victory over Tony Mahan. Edwards picked up 61 percent of the vote in victory on Election Day.

Edwards believes in the end, the voters selected his vision for the South Knox School District over Mahan's.

(Comm-- Republicans sweep) (Wednesday 11/9/16 ... tlz 6a)

Both Knox County Republican challengers defeated Democrat incumbents in yesterday's Knox County Commissioners' races.

Former Knox County Council president Tim Ellerman defeated Don Halter for the Commissioners' District One seat by 49 votes. Halter was leading by ten votes with one precinct left, but Ellerman's home precinct of Harrison Township gave him the votes he needed to win.

The voters of Indiana have elected Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb to be the next Indiana Governor. Holcomb will replace Mike Pence-- who was elected Vice-President with yesterday's Presidential victory by Donald Trump.

Holcomb beat Democrat challenger John Gregg, with 51 percent of the vote to Gregg's 45 percent. Libertarian Rex Bell received three percent of the vote.

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(SK-- Vestibule expansion) (Tuesday 11/15/16 ... tlz 6a)

The South Knox School Board reviewed drawings toward an expansion of the vestibule area at South Knox Elementary School. Schmidt and Associates are providing the sketches to help South Knox officials re-shape the entrance area.

School officials expect the work to cost around 250-thousand dollars. The expansion will be funded within the South Knox budget, using Rainy Day Fund money. The South Knox vestibule work will be completed during the summer of next year.

(B'nell Citco-- Peddler's ordinance) (Tuesday 11/15/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Bicknell City Council has approved an updated licensing process to regulate door-to-door sales people working in Bicknell. The new ordinance requires anyone working door to door for profit in Bicknell to register for a permit at Bicknell City Hall. A 25 dollar annual fee will be charged as part of the process. Non-profit groups are exempt from the permitting process.

(BPW-- Curb cut approval) (Tuesday 11/15/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Board of Works has approved a curb cut along Oliphant Drive for a new floodgate storage building. The building will hold floodgates that are normally put in place in case of high water on the nearby Wabash River. Vincennes University will oversee the architecture and construction of the structure for the use of the City of Vincennes.

(KC Lib Bd-- New spending limit) (Wednesday 11/16/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Library Board has approved an adjustment of spending for the Library's executive director between Board meetings from five-thousand to three-thousand dollars. The adjustment is part of an overall revision of the Library's Internal Controls policy. The policy has not been changed since 1998.

The three-thousand dollar amount was approved unanimously, but not until after two other motions were taken off the table.

(Seventh Street closure) (Wednesday 11/16/16 ... tlz 6a)

Seventh Street will be closed starting tomorrow from Main to Buntin Streets. The closing will be the start of repair work on Seventh Street, as part of the Community Crossings grant program.

The closing is the first of a set of Seventh Street paving projects.

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The closings will be three blocks at a time, and range from Main Street to College Avenue.

(USB-- Service upgrades) (Thursday 11/17/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes Utilities customers now have more options to pay water, stormwater, and sewer bills. The new options include allowing E-billing and recurring credit card payments.

The E-billing is available through signup at Vincennes Utilities' Website-- vinutilities-dot-com. Customers with E-billing may also have the amount of their bill deducted from their checking and savings accounts.

(LC Board-- Sheriff's reduction) (Thursday 11/17/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Lawrence County Illinois Board has agreed not to fill a position for a road deputy on the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. The Department had five full-time deputies; the move drops the number to four. The reduction was part of a move by the County to cut costs. The Board passed the measure six-one, with Board member Jim Brewer voting against the move. Brewer wanted the Sheriff's Department to have the flexibility to add the deputy back, if it became necessary.

(UEA-- InVin update) (Friday 11/18/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Urban Enterprise Association Board heard an update yesterday on progress by downtown Vincennes developer InVin. InVin is using 50-thousand dollars in U-E-A funding for various projects to improve downtown Vincennes.

One of the projects is construction of a parking lot across from the New Moon Theater at Sixth and Main.

(RDC-- Main Street work) (Friday 11/18/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Redevelopment Commission has approved over 430-thousand dollars for engineering part of the Main Street project. The spending is for Phase One of the Main Street project; the locally-funded phase is set for physical work in 2018. The engineering part of Phase One-- covered by the R-D-C funds-- will happen throughout 2017.

(Intersection closing re-set) (Tuesday 11/22/16 ... tlz 6a)

The intersection of Oliphant Drive and Red Skelton Boulevard has been re-set for closing starting tomorrow. The closing is weather-permitting; in case of rain, the closure would be moved to Monday, November 28th.

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(Second and Niblack preparation) (Wednesday 11/23/16 ... tlz 6a)

City officials are still determining a closing date for the intersection of Second and Niblack. The intersection, along with the bridge and railroad tracks just to the north of the intersection, will be targeted for repair.

(GSH-- 2017 Budget passage) (Wednesday 11/23/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Good Samaritan Hospital Board of Governors has passed its 2017 budget at last night's session. The budget shows a three-point-three million dollar wage increase for next year, and a three and a quarter percent increase in operating margin. It also gives Hospital workers a four-percent raise for 2017, and includes a just-over three-point-three percent rate increase for next year.

(IMPD - Double Murder) (Friday 11/25/16 ... djf 6a)

IMPD Officials have announced that one of two people killed in a double murder Thursday Night was from Vincennes.

Around 6 PM on Thursday, IMPD officers were called to a personal injury accident involving 21-year-old Jessica Downey. Downey was shot and was found slumped over the steering wheel when police officers arrived. Downey was taken to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where she was pronounced dead yesterday afternoon.

(BPW-- School signs) (Tuesday 11/29/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Board of Works has approved the use of City Street crews to place around a hundred bus stop signs across the City of Vincennes. Tim Salters, representing the Vincennes Community School Corporation, requested the signs for the safety of students across the city.

(Citco-- Military Museum donation) (Tuesday 11/29/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes City Council has approved a 50-thousand dollar donation toward a matching grant obligation by the Indiana Military Museum. The Museum is seeking an Indiana Department of Tourism grant toward making part of their warehouse into added exhibit space. With Council's support, Museum officials have raised around 190-thousand dollars toward the 250-thousand dollar match. If the grant application is approved, the Indiana

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Department of Tourism could make a dollar-for-dollar match for the raised funding.

(Downey funeral service) (Wednesday 11/30/16 ... tlz 6a)

A Celebration of Life service for a Vincennes-area woman killed recently in Indianapolis will be held on Saturday. 21 year-old Jessica Downey was found shot to death in Indianapolis on the evening of November 24th; her death is being considered a homicide by Indianapolis police.

(Helping His Hands-- helping Gatlinburg) (Thursday 12/1/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes-based relief group "Helping His Hands" will help those devastated in the wildfires burning in and around Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Many people have lost homes and businesses from wildfires burning through the mountains across that area.

(Christmas Stroll Parade) (Friday 12/2/16 ... tlz 6a)

The annual Vincennes Christmas Stroll starts this evening with activities in downtown Vincennes. The traditional kickoff for the two days of Stroll activities is the Christmas Parade of Lights. The parade will use Main Street from First to Tenth Streets; it starts at six-30 p-m.

(PACE-- Energy Assistance) (Monday 12/5/16 ... tlz 6a)

PACE Community Action Agency is accepting applications now for its Energy Assistance campaign. The effort allows families meeting eligibility qualifications to have some of their heating bill paid through a state grant.

(Kimmel extension-- opening) (Monday 12/5/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Kimmel Road extension from Hart Street to Main Street will open to traffic on Wednesday at one p-m. Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum, Vincennes City Engineer John Sprague, and members of the Vincennes Redevelopment Commission will be on hand for the opening. The main feature on the extension is a roundabout just south of the Hart Street-Kimmel Road intersection.

(Shop Local pitch) (Wednesday 12/7/16 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County residents are encouraged to shop local this Christmas

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season. Many smaller merchants count on strong Christmas shopping seasons to help them be profitable for the year.

(Pearl Harbor-- remembrance) (Wednesday 12/7/16 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 12/8)

Veterans and others across Knox County remembered yesterday as the 75th anniversary of the "day which will live in infamy"- the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The attack launched the U.S. into World War Two, as America declared war on both Japan and Germany.

(Kimmel Road extension opens) (Wednesday 12/7/16 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 12/8)

The Kimmel Road extension opened for business yesterday with a grand opening ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting happened near the roundabout just south of the Hart Street-Kimmel Road intersection.

The opening was held slightly later than expected.

VCSC Construction Update and Open House - for 12 13 16 - mrl

New Furniture continues to be installed and teachers have begun setting up their classrooms again at Vincennes' Riley Elementary School. The school - the first to be refurbished in a multi-million dollar elementary building project will have a ribbon cutting and open house this Thursday evening from five until seven. Work continues at the other three elementary schools.

(Shop with a Cop) (Tuesday 12/13/16 ... tlz 12n)
(updated 12/14)

Law enforcement officers from across Vincennes and Knox County gathered yesterday for the 19th annual Shop with a Cop. The annual cops and kids shopping event started with a trip to the Vincennes Wal-Mart, and ended with a catered lunch at the Knights of Columbus hall. The cops joined with just under 200 Head Start preschoolers from Vincennes and Bicknell for the day of shopping.

(Seventh Street re-opens) (Tuesday 12/13/16 ... tlz 4p)
(updated 12/14)

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Seventh Street has now completely re-opened to traffic. The re-opening happened yesterday on the previously closed area on Seventh Street from Hart Street to College Avenue.

(IDOE scores-- local results) (Thursday 12/15/16 ... tlz 6a)

Knox County schools fared relatively well in the latest release of school grades from the Indiana Department of Education.

In the Vincennes Community School Corporation, Franklin Elementary and Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary received A's. Riley Elementary and Vigo Elementary both got "C" grades. Clark Middle School and Lincoln High School both scored a "B."

(Nature by Design fire) (Thursday 12/15/16 ... tlz 6a)

A fire yesterday did tens of thousands of dollars in damage to the Nature by Design landscaping business on Old Bruceville Road.

Two EMT's discovered the fire as they were passing by the location, and called in the emergency.

(VCSC-- next renovation) (Monday 12/19/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Vincennes Community School Board is preparing for its next interior renovation project. The first renovation was completed recently at Riley Elementary.

Vincennes Community Schools superintendent Greg Parsley says they are preparing for the next interior school work right now.

(Comm-- Appointments) (Tuesday 12/20/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners voted 2-1 to re-appoint Marlon Dreiman to another term on the Knox County Public Defender Board. Dreiman had been serving on the Public Defender Board since his term expired in December of last year, since state law allowed him to serve until he was replaced. The Commissioners did not move to either re-appoint or replace him.

(Comm-- Payment delay) (Wednesday 12/21/16 ... tlz 6a)

The Knox County Commissioners have decided to delay payment of 95-

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thousand dollars to Purdue University. The funding is for the Purdue Extension office in Knox County for 2017.

The delay allows the new Board of Commissioners to review the funding before making a decision. The new Board is expected to further consider the funding at their session in January.

(City Parks-- long range plan) (Thursday 12/22/16 ... tlz 6a)

Vincennes City Parks Department director Steve Beamon highlighted the current long-range plan at last night's City Parks Board meeting. The plan helps the City Parks Department set potential projects for funding and completion over the next three to five years.