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AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE

The biggest story of the summer has been the extremely dry temperatures mixed with a drought that has spanned more than two months. NewsChannel8 looked into the effects of the drought. Many counties in the viewing area have been placed under a burn ban after 100 acres of corn was consumed after a fire broke out. West Lafayette will see 30 new jobs come to the area. And Indiana's unemployment continues to drop.

4-2-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 0:52)

The Purdue Dairy Club helped kick off the First Annual Purdue Ag week at Purdue University. Those participating dressed in cow costumes and passed out milk and grilled cheese to students on campus.

4-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:35)

April is also the month designated to raise awareness for a disorder being diagnosed now.. more than ever. Monday marked World Autism Awareness Day. Statistics released within the last few days show it's a disorder affecting one in every 88 kids, a big increase over what was previously thought. But parents and experts say it's nothing to fear. Dan Klein reports.

4-4-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

With the early bloom of many plants and crops from the winter warmth the possibility of an upcoming freeze has many local fruit crop owners a little worried. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila tells about what freezing temperatures could mean for local fruit crops.

4-5-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

That frost warning keeps getting closer. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila joins us with continuing coverage of the dipping temperatures and their effects on agriculture.

4-7-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 0:55)

Crowds of people gathered downtown for the Easter weekend Farmer's Market. The market previews the regular Farmer's Market season.

4-10-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 0:55)

Children with the YMCA after-school program are beginning a community garden with the help of Ivy Tech agricultural students. Day campers at YMCA will tend the gardens throughout the summer and harvest the vegetables.

4-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

Tippecanoe County has been placed under a voluntary burn ban. An apartment building caught fire and resulted in about 100 acres of corn field adjacent to the building being burned as well. Meteorologist Jessie Hawila has more on what the burn ban means and how long it might stick around.

4-12-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

West Lafayette will soon be home to 30 new jobs. A new Automotive Robotics Proving Labs' facility will partner with Caterpillar of Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has the story from Purdue's Research park with more on when those jobs will arrive.

4-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

If you've ever wondered what it's like to be a veterinarian today was your day to find out. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports how the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine gave people without a veterinary degree the chance to be a vet for a day.

4-20-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:48)

Leaders from Greater Lafayette traveled to Asia talk about jobs and the future of our area's economic growth. The trip was designed to build personal relationships with companies already investing in the community and to attract new investors to the Greater Lafayette area.

4-20-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 0:40)

Indiana's unemployment rate falls slightly below eight point two percent for March. Indiana's jobless figure has been improving since its recent peak at nine point three percent last August.

4-21-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)

Some may have looked at today's date thinking it was just April 21st. But for music lovers and vinyl collectors, it was more than that. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports on what Record Store Day means for local, small business record stores.

4-23-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 0:45)

A mental health seminar held at Sycamore Springs Mental Health and Addiction Center in Lafayette presented research showing those suffering from serious mental illness can have their first episode between the ages of 15 and 25.

4-23-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Three area men were hospitalized this weekend after separate ATV wrecks. While many riders admit that sometimes accidents will happen. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports there are ways to protect yourself when you're out riding motorized sports vehicles.

4-24-12 (During five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:16)

The Dow AgroSciences Seed Quality Control Lab at Purdue Research Park cost several million dollars and took two years to complete. The lab will add between 35 to 53 scientific full-time jobs and another 50 jobs.

4-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

As government and business leaders from the Greater Lafayette area wrap up their 12-day trip to Asia, they move forward with a sister city relationship. News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports the area is one step closer to having a sister city relationship with a city in China.

4-25-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 0:21)

Researchers at Purdue University have won a one-point-six million dollar federal grant to improve wind farms. Four professors received the three-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

4-25-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:28)

Mad cow disease was discovered in a dead cow that was supposed to be used as pet food. Now consumers are worrying about beef safety. In continuing coverage of the disease's discovery in California this week. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila explains whether you should be worried.

4-26-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Almost 100 firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officials are preparing themselves for whatever mother nature may throw at them. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro was the only reporter to catch up with the group. For days these members of the District Four Task Force have been living in what looks like a tornado disaster zone. Honing the skills they'll need to use in a real-life disaster.

4-26-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

A new facility near Purdue's campus opened its doors this afternoon. It's gathering place geared toward entrepreneurs. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila takes us to The Docking Station where co-sponsors hope entrepreneurs will meet to create the next big business.

4-28-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)

The State of Indiana asks a research team at Purdue to evaluate a new daycare rating system. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler shows us what the team found about the quality of care children are receiving in Indiana.

4-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

April is Autism Awareness Month and that has one local business thinking of how they can give back. Video journalist David DeLong takes us to Immortal Ink in Lafayette where people are getting tattoos to raise awareness.

5-1-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano reports on a Japanese auto parts manufacturer that is expanding its presence in Lafayette by moving out of a leased building and breaking ground on a permanent plant.

5-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

Local farmers say the weather has been just about perfect this season for corn. News Channel 18's Jessie Hawila breaks down the recent weather patterns to see how it's paid off in the fields.

5-14-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:55)

You'd be surprised to find out just how many plastic surgery offices are in our own back yard. So what are the big trends in Greater Lafayette and why are cosmetic procedures becoming so popular? NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson finds out in this special assignment.

5-15-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)

In part one of our special series "Cosmetic Surgery in Lafayette", we told you about the growing number of plastic surgery offices in Greater Lafayette. Today, NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson introduces us to a man who has broken his nose more than a dozen times and hopes plastic surgery can make it a little less bent out of shape.

5-16-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)

One hundred new jobs are being promised by one of Lafayette's largest employers... Subaru of Indiana Automotive. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro has the story.

5-21-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 0:57)

US Congressman Todd Rokita is claiming success in his first year of his "Red Tape Rollback" program. The program sets out to get rid of regulations and rules that businesses and individuals view as over-reaching and constricting. One such regulation by the Department of Labor barred the number of hours teens and children could work on a farm.

5-21-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

With unemployment still ranging between six and eight percent in local counties, some workers in white collar industries say there are few resources for them. The "Business and Professional Exchange's Lafayette chapter" is one of six throughout Indiana. Leadership in the group say it has the highest attendance levels of all of those chapters. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has more on how building relationships could one day lead to a new job.

5-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:55)

It happened to Robbie Hummel twice. It took Drey Mingo out for a season. The same for quarterbacks Robert Marve and Rob Henry. But those Purdue athletes are just a few of the nearly 200 thousand people who tear their A-C-L each year. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler explores the delicate balance of the A-C-L.

5-24-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

Wabash National announces a new product that will bring dozens of new jobs to Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has more on what this expansion means for the company as well as the community.

5-27-12 (During the 6 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

104 employees offering more than 4,100 jobs will attend the 2012 Hoosier Job Fair at the end of this month. Senator Dan Coats is hosting the job fair.

6-6-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

An excellent start to the growing season is now being compromised by the abnormally dry weather that NewsChannel 18 has been covering for several months now. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila is speaking to farmers starting to get concerned about their crops.

6-6-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

The city of West Lafayette was awarded 1,700 trees through a grant given out by the Department of Natural Resources Community and Urban Forestry program.

6-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration !:50)

In just a few months a Lafayette child care facility will close its doors for good. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery explains why the Wabash Center decided to close the "Kids' Connection" daycare and how parents are reacting to the news.

6-22-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

It's the driest June in history for some in the area. With the drought continuing NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell reports how agricultural related businesses are dealing with the lack of rain.

6-27-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Volunteers with Tree Lafayette are urging residents to water the trees in front of their homes and in their yards while the drought conditions remain.

CRIME

The second quarter of 2012 brought the sentencing for Porche after he was convicted of murdering a 26 year old man. Also, the trial begins for a man accused of killing a 21 year old Lafayette man in his home. A couple takes a prescription drug, breaks into a house and then falls asleep while attempting to rob the residence. We take a look at how many citations have been issued locally for texting while driving. A man exposes himself to a female student on Purdue's campus. The murder trial for Kevin Williams begins.

4-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette Police are asking for the public's help to find a man suspected of multiple drug charges. 28-year-old Eric Eugene Markwith is the subject of this week's Fugitive Search. According to Lafayette police, Markwith is wanted on three separate warrants, that all involve possession and dealing narcotics.

4-3-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :33)

A Lafayette man is sentenced for stealing tools from an Office Depot while he was on meth. Prosecutor Pat Harrington says Samuel Clark was sentenced to 11 years in the Department of Corrections and 4 years community corrections.

4-4-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

Two Lafayette men each face several felony charges after investigators say they robbed a pizza delivery driver at gunpoint. 18 year old Antonio Deondre White and Lorenzo Johnson both face three felonies.

4-5-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :44)

A man exposed himself on Purdue's campus and took pictures of a female student. Purdue Police continue to search for the man who exposed himself on campus. The incident happened on the second floor of Stewart Center.

4-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

40 year-old Robert Andre Lee Jordan sold cocaine to undercover officers. He was sentenced to 30 years of crime and five additional years for a prior conviction.

4-13-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:29)

43-year-old Robert Kirts II is serving a 22 year sentence for hitting and killing 15-year-old Ebony Knight with his SUV when he was driving drunk in February 2011. The girl's parents, Jerry Knight and Wanda McCaulley have filed a lawsuit against the owners of two Lafayette bars for serving Kirts alcohol that day. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano reports the Knight's family attorney says the bars broke state law by serving alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person which directly resulted in Ebony's death.

4-16-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :2:10)

Fake ID's are becoming harder to recognize, according to police and liquor stores. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano explains how they plan on being more alert of these ID's during Grand Prix week.

4-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :41)

A Lafayette man who pleaded guilty to killing 26 year old Clarence Smith. Michael Foster will serve 50 years in prison. He will then be put on supervised probation for 5 years.

4-18-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:26)

Dozens of random cars have fallen victim to vandals with B-B guns this month. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro shows us where these crimes are taking place, and how police are handling it.

4-24-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:41)

It's been nearly 10 months since a statewide ban on texting and driving took effect last July. Lafayette Police say the law continues to be difficult to enforce. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has more on just how many citations have been issued.

4-24-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:44)

Two men are behind bars after Lafayette Police say they were caught making meth at the Lafayette Knights Inn. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro has the story.

4-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:39)

24 year old Dartanyan Porche is on jury trial for the murder of 26 year old Clarence Smith Junior. He has been charged with five felonies including murder and robbery.

4-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Dartanyan Porche is found guilty for the murder of 26 year old Clarence Smith.

5-1-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration:35)

Jury selection begins for the murder trial involving Edward Zaragoza. Zaragoza will be tried for murder, burglary, attempted robbery and attempted theft.

5-2-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:06)

The trial begins for a man accused of killing a 21 year old Lafayette man in his home. 32-year-old Edward Zaragoza faces several felony charges including murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, burglary, and attempted theft. NewsChannel8's Brittany Tyner has the story.

5-4-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

Two men accused of robbing a Purdue Employee Federal Credit Union last year plead guilty.

5-4-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

A Lafayette woman is charged with two felonies after detectives say she trying to cash a forged payroll check from McDonald's. 21- year- old Rickiara Ricki Davis is charged in Tippecanoe County with forgery and attempted theft.

5-4-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The man charged with a Kokomo shooting spree in which two people were killed and two others wounded has been found competent to stand trial.

5-7-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:04)

A Lafayette murder trial comes to a halt. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano joins us now to explain what happened in court in the case against 32 year old Edward Zaragoza.

5-12-12 (During 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :22)

The man accused of robbing a Frankfort CVS last week is behind bars. Frankfort Police tell NewsChannel 18 that 28 year old Christopher Ward of Lafayette was arrested early Saturday morning in Indianapolis in connection with the armed robbery.

5-14-12 (During 6 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

A Lafayette man who fired shots at the mother of his child will now face more than 60 years in prison for the crime. 47 year old Rickie Gilliam was sentenced to 63 years in the department of corrections for 13 criminal charges, including two counts of attempted murder.

5-14-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)

An area pastor has been fired after he's accused of installing video cameras inside the women's restroom stalls at his church. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports the pastor of the church faces a preliminary charge of voyeurism but more charges could be coming.

5-16-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Charges are filed against the man accused of breaking into a woman's home while she was asleep on the couch. 28-year-old "Phillip Hutchinson Junior" faces seven felony charges.

5-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

Police investigate a stabbing at a West Lafayette bar. The stabbing happened at the Neon Cactus in West Lafayette. Detectives say the victim did not immediately seek treatment.

5-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:45)

We're tracking the crime that trickles down from Chicago. Is Chicago really to blame for problems here? NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano and Liz Nichols are digging for answers.

5-23-12 (During the 5 o'clock broadcast, Duration 4:35)

We continue our investigation into crime in Lafayette and how much of the problem here is due to our close proximity to Chicago. In part two of our special investigation, NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano and Liz Nichols team up once again.

5-23-12 (During the 6 o'clock broadcast, Duration :32)

Montez Harris was arrested for attempted robbery and resisting arrest. Both Sunnyside Middle and Murdock Elementary Schools were put on lock down while authorities tried to locate Harris.

5-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

The Benton County Sheriff says 34 year old Benjamin Schwartz was allowed out to do some mowing before the holiday weekend. But instead of working, he walked and remains at large at this time. Dan Klein reports.

5-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

Indiana State Police Troopers say one of their own is finally getting some well-deserved recognition.. 75 years after he was killed in the line of duty. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has more on a special ceremony for a trooper who is gone but certainly not forgotten.

5-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :23)

A 19 year old is stabbed along a trail. According to Lafayette Police Jonathon Jackson Jr. was stabbed in an apartment along Summertime trail by someone he knew. Police say that person is in custody. Jackson was taken to the hospital with non- life threatening injuries.

5-31-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

A man is sentenced to three decades in prison for his part in a credit union robbery last May. Tippecanoe County Prosecutors say Christopher Whirl was sentenced to 30 years in prison, and ordered to pay restitution of more than 25 thousand dollars.

6-4-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :42)

David Purcell and Raymond Brown are arrested in relation to series of arson fires over the past several years in Warren County.

6-5-12 (During noon broadcast, Duration :31)

A Lafayette man is robbed after he took his garbage out. He was hit in the head, knocked to the ground and robbed. The suspect fled from the scene and was not arrested.

6-8-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Shanay Bagsby accused of stabbing her boyfriend now faces several criminal charges. Police say Bagsby stabbed Jonathon Jackson Junior inside an apartment along Summertime Trail.

6-11-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

A Monticello woman and her two children were in for a big surprise when they say they found two strangers sleeping in their home. But as NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell reports, this is not the first time it has happened in the area.

6-13-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

After repeated acts of vandalism, NewsChannel 18 reaches out to a Lafayette woman who says she wants vandalism to stop happening on her property. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell explains what steps she's taking to prevent it from happening again.

6-13-12 (During the 6 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

A Lafayette man attempted to purchase cigarette with counterfeit money. 21 year old Devin Troupe was caught on surveillance video trying to pass off fake five and 10 dollar bills at several places around town.

6-14-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :34)

Dartanyan Porche was sentenced to 55 years in prison and five years on supervised probation. In April Porche was found guilty for the murder of 26-year-old "Clarence Smith" last July. Investigators say Porche along with Michael Anthony Foster and Kevin Williams were planning to rob Smith when the robbery didn't go as planned. When Smith didn't cooperate, investigators say he was shot and killed.

6-14-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :32)

A Brookston woman accused of stealing from her employer now faces multiple criminal charges. 44 year-old Christiana Denny was charged with 10 felonies including money laundering. While Denny was the bookkeeper at Lafayette Glass she stole thousands of dollars in cash, including issuing fraudulent payroll checks to herself

6-15-12 (During the 6 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

42- year- old David Purcell and 20- year- old Raymond Brown face murder charges in Fountain County for several arsons. Authorities say those charges stem from a fatal fire in early May.

6-18-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 2:27)

Two armed robbers remain at large this morning. We first brought you this story as live breaking news yesterday on NewsChannel 18 This Morning. West Lafayette Police say two young men robbed a local C-V-S pharmacy yesterday. Meanwhile, News Channel 18's Krista Henery explains what other robberies were taking place in the wee hours of the morning.

6-19-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

The jury trial for a Lafayette man charged with murder starts. Kevin Williams is one of three suspects in the murder of 26 year old Clarence Smith.

6-20-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Day two of the Kevin Williams murder trial continues. Krista Henery reports.

6-21-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)

The jury trial for Kevin Williams, facing murder charges continue. Krista Henery reports.

6-27-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Pat Harrington says 23 year old Edwin Rodriguez was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to robbery with a deadly weapon.

DIVERSITY

The second quarter saw a large donation to the Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette. Also, controversy in the area after Food Finders receives a large donation from Wal-Mart. The Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club will triple in size after a significant donation. The Hunger Hike officially kicks off with a sports icon from Purdue. Wolf park welcomes six puppies.

4-11-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

Boilermakers across greater Lafayette continue to mourn the loss of a legend. Former basketball player, coach, and associate athletic director Roger Blalock passed away this week. Those who knew him and his legacy over the past 45-years at Purdue are remembering his life. NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson has more.

4-12-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :48)

Rose Acres Farms, based in Indiana, donated more than 3,000 dozens of eggs to Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette. This is the third straight year that Rose Acres Farms has made such a donation.

4-14-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

The "Day of Family," or Dia de la familia is celebrated on Purdue's campus at the Latino Cultural Center. This is the ninth year the event has been on the campus.

4-15-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

Purdue's annual Grand Prix go-kart race will take place next weekend. But festivities for the week-long celebration kick off tonight. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports how one popular bar is using a kick-off event to give back to the community.

4-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

The NAACP met at the Tippecanoe County library to celebrate children. The meeting highlighted the case of Trayvon Martin. Lafayette School Superintendent Dr. Ed Eiler spoke about discrimination issues.

4-19-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Wolf Park is welcoming a new litter of pups. Six puppies. Two girls, four boys were born just 13 days ago. NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols has your first look at the little ones and how they're handling their first days in the world.

4-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

Purdue students were doing their part to fight hunger as part of the University's hunger awareness week. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports there was giving.. and marching to help raise awareness on campus.

4-25-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:36)

It's time to start forming teams for this year's Hunger Hike. NewsChannel 18's Jeff Smith joins us now with a fresh look at how this year's Hunger Hike is kicking off.

4-28-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)

1,000 people walked to support the annual March for Babies at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette. The money raised totaled \$125,000 and goes to the March of Dimes foundation.

5-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

The Greater Lafayette community joined the nationwide effort today to fight hunger. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner gives us a local look at the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

5-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette is receiving some help from an out-of-town Wal-mart. Now, some people in Howard County are speaking up. As part of the Wal-mart Foundation's effort to fight hunger, grants were awarded to stores across the country. Kokomo's Wal-mart came in eighth place, earning a 50 thousand dollar grant. Food Finders was chosen to receive that money. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has the story of the debate over a several thousand dollar grant.

5-24-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club will triple in size, through donations from John and June Scheumann. The new buliding will have a gym, game room and study areas for the children to use.

5-29-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

Food Finders is doubling the amount of Summer Feeding Sites they're sponsoring this summer. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports the program offers free lunch for kids who may not be receiving nutritional meals at home.

6-5-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

The Military Family Research Institute hosts a camp for kids at Purdue University. The kids at the camp have parents in the military that have been deployed.

6-13-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)

Hundreds of senior citizens rely on the Care-a-Van transportation system at a Lafayette senior center to make it to their necessary appointments. Now those people will only be able to use that service on certain days of the week. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on why the transportation schedule will be cut back.. and what you can do to help.

6-18-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

The FFA convention started at Purdue University. Many students in the FFA completed service projects. NewsChannel 18 caught up with 130 people that packed more than 20,000 meals for the Kids Against Hunger project.

6-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

Thousands of used items are helping benefit children in Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell explains how a local business is determined to provide a future for our local youth.

6-29-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :42)

WLFI and the Indiana blood center hosted a blood drive to help fill a shortage in blood donations left when college students head home for summer vacation. The goal for the drive was 125 units in one day.

EDUCATION

The second quarter brought viewers the last school board meeting for Dr. Ed Eiler, the superintendent for the Lafayette School Corporation for 16 years. A local principal turns a new page in life. The results come in for the first state administered reading test. Area schools receive large donations through a state grant. The Attorney General Greg Zoeller explains how he thinks local graduates can have a big impact on state. Purdue University lands a big name to become the school's 12th president.

4-5-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

Lafayette School Corporation will have a new superintendent when Dr. Ed Eiler steps down. Community members are able to meet Les Huddle, the new superintendent. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery has the story from the meet and greet for Huddle.

4-14-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

Attorney General Greg Zoeller was in town this weekend to support higher education. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner explains why he thinks recent grads can impact the state in a big way.

4-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:15)

Tonight is a special night for a handful of the area's top educators. Five will receive the prestigious Golden Apple Award. WLFI is proud to help sponsor this event, which this year is celebrating 25 years of existence. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein has more on the presentation.

4-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

North Montgomery Community School Corporation will receive nearly 170 thousand dollars from a grant created by the Indiana General Assembly. The Delphi Community School Corporation will get more than 118 thousand dollars.

4-23-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

The board of trustees at Ivy Tech approved a computer science course, information security and a pre-engineering program. The programs must be approved by the Commission of Higher Education and can take six to nine months.

4-26-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 4:10)

At the end of this school year, the Lafayette School Corporation will say goodbye to its long time leader. Dr. Ed Eiler has led the LSC for the last 16 years, through school consolidation, declining enrollment, and Lafayette's changing demographics. Gina Quattrocchi sits down with Superintendent Eiler. We'll find out how watching a movie in high school might be where his career got started. Why he says he owes so much to his parents, and what's next for the man who has never lost his passion for educating every child.

4-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)

Purdue University is moving forward with a 30-million dollar student center, thanks in part to an anonymous donation. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has more on the Center for Student Excellence and Leadership.

5-5-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

The students on Lafayette Jeff's newspaper staff are celebrating their national recognition. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner takes us inside the Booster's newsroom with more information.

5-6-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

400 Ivy Tech students graduated from Ivy Tech, receiving their diplomas at Elliot Hall of Music on Purdue's campus.

5-15-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)

Two months ago almost every Indiana third grader took the first state-administered reading test. Now the results are in and NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein speaks to local administrators about what they mean for students.

5-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

From teaching..to running an elementary school. Rick Hobbs has been making the grade when it comes to being a leader within the Lafayette School Corporation. But as the school year wraps up within the next few weeks so does Hobbs' time as principal at Vinton as he gets ready to retire and move on to his next chapter in life. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery has his story.

5-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

With memorial day and the INdy 500, this weekend also marked a big anniversary for "Title nine" legislation which bans sexual discrimination in schools. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner explains what this anniversary means for women today.

5-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)

A local alternative high school is graduating its first class this month. Oakland High School is one of the Lafayette School Corporations 'Alternative Schools' where students can learn in a smaller, one-on-one environment. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro explains why this high school has seen its share of ups and downs.

6-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05)

Dr. Ed Eiler attended his final school board meeting with the Lafayette School Corporation. Eiler has been the superintendent of LSC for 16 years.

6-22-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

Governor Mitch Daniels will become the 12th president of Purdue University. The search committee said that Governor Daniels fulfills the qualifications to become the university's president. Purdue Provost Tim Sands will serve as the interim president while Daniels finishes his term as governor.

6-25-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:04)

State Senator Brandt Hershman and State Representative Randy Truitt announced their proposed legislation to award high performing public schools with additional money.

6-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)

Ideas on higher education an economic development plan and a new website were presented to Frankfort citizens yesterday. NewsChannel18's Brittany Tyner breaks down Frankfort Mayor Chris McBarnes' first "State of the City" address.

6-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:25)

Enrollment numbers for Ivy Tech's summer classes in Lafayette are looking up. As News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports some credit a new program with bringing in the extra students.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

A local school could shut its doors in 2013 after the recommendation from the superintendent. NewsChannel18 takes a look at the traffic flow on a major highway and what preventative measures are being taken to ensure safety on the roadway after a deadly crash claimed three lives. Road construction begins to pop up in the area. We launch a special report that shows, by the numbers, Tippecanoe County roads are the most dangerous roads of any county in the state of Indiana.

4-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

The Kmart lot isn't the only thing getting a makeover in Greater Lafayette. If you spent any time driving on U-S 52 today, you may have noticed a new traffic pattern and some delays. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has more on the start of construction season in Greater Lafayette.

4-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

The West Lafayette city council passed the "Grant Street Station" project. The six story, 125 apartment building was approved. Also approved by the city council was the Faith West Building; a four story, multi-use building.

4-6-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Leaving West Lafayette on Sagamore Parkway has taken much longer than normal for many drivers. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports it's not just the construction that's causing the commuting headache.

4-9-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

Close to five million dollars is coming back to Tippecanoe County tomorrow from the State of Indiana, due to calculation errors at the state level. This money comes from funds paid into the local option income tax fund. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports it's money that already belongs to the county.. but is almost being viewed as a bonus for next year's fiscal planning.

4-10-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:27)

Legislation stalling in congress could soon start affecting major road projects in the state of Indiana. the Hoosier Heartland committee held one of its semi-annual luncheons today, but the gathering was held in the shadow of what could be viewed as a mounting problem. National lawmakers have yet to come to a full agreement on a new transportation bill. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro has the story.

4-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

From the greens to blacktop drivers in Frankfort listen up! They will be sharing the streets with a new type of vehicle usually associated more often with fairways rather than roadways. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports a new city ordinance allows golf carts on city streets.

4-15-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

A church collapsed in July of 2007. The city of Stockwell raised money to build another church. A groundbreaking ceremony was held to start construction on the new church.

4-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

Tippecanoe county commissioners approve at \$670,000 limestone restoration project for the county courthouse.

4-18-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

Two new buildings will help advance drug research and the audiology program at Purdue. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner was at a celebration today when plans for these two new building were announced.

4-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The area plan commission approved dividing the parcel which contains the Creasy Springs Health

Campus which sits across the street from Saint Elizabeth East. With the division into three parcels two new businesses would be allowed to build on the site as long as they meet zoning code.

4-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

Highway and interstate construction can cause headaches during this time of year. But several highways around the area aren't under construction instead a roadside makeovers. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila has more information about a partnership between INDOT and Purdue University making some area highways cleaner and greener.

4-29-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

State Road 26 in Howard county closes while crews install pipes for drainage.

5-1-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)

A Japanese auto parts manufacturer broke ground on a permanent plant in Lafayette. Heartland Automotive is moving out of a leased facility and investing eight point four million dollars to build a new facility. Production at the plant is expected to begin in the fall.

5-7-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

As plans for a four story multi-use building in West Lafayette move forward, there's some concern how the project could be funded. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery reports Faith West project officials are asking the city of West Lafayette to issue low interest rate bonds to help fund part of the project.

5-9-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:40)

By the numbers Tippecanoe County roads are the most dangerous roads of any county in the state of Indiana. For each mile you drive you are more likely to get into a wreck here than anywhere else.. almost two times more likely than Indianapolis' Marion County. The combined costs of those crashes is staggering an estimated 125 million dollars every year in Tippecanoe County alone. It's a never-ending process to bring those numbers down. Dan Klein has the story.

5-16-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Area planners met to discuss plans for a three story apartment complex on Northwestern Avenue across the street from Mackey arena. The Meridian project would consist of 14 units, 28 bedrooms and 28 parking spaces.

5-17-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 2:59)

Roads around Lafayette and West Lafayette have been giving drivers major headaches especially with the closer of the Yeager- Northwestern intersection this week. City officials say the gridlock is not here to stay and as NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein reports it could be worse.

5-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Three accidents in just a few weeks' time have claimed three lives along US 231 here in Montgomery County. Now NewsChannel 18 Alex Deiro is digging deeper to find out if anything is being done to prevent more accidents in the future.

5-23-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Ground breaking ceremonies took place for the new location of the West Lafayette fire department, station three. The project will cost nearly three million dollars.

5-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

With traffic often stalled for prolonged periods of time are area bridges up to the challenge of the added strain? NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro has the story.

6-4-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)

The Lafayette City Council approved annexing three parcels of land on the city's east side. Both parcels with residents lie entirely within city limits loosely bordered by Creasy, McCarty, Haggerty Lane and Veteran's Memorial Parkway.

6-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)

Twin Lakes School Corporation could be closing Woodlawn Elementary School in the fall of 2013. School board members agreed to Superintendent's Tom Fletcher's recommendation. Fletcher says the primary concern and cause for the potential shutdown is due to declining enrollment.

6-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

The 720 Northwestern project has been redesigned from six stories tall to five stories with more parking and fewer apartments. The latest plans call for an urban grocery to be the anchor tenant. It was approved by a vote of 11 to one.

6-21-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

An unusually high number of fatal car wrecks in Lafayette and the surrounding counties has Indiana State Police concerned. So far this year across the state there has been 20 more fatal car crashes than this same time last year. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell shows us why Indiana State Police say unsafe driving habits are to blame and they have a plan to help change that.

6-26-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Where else? bar may move across the street from its current location to Chauncey Village. The plan for a 20,000 square foot development at State street and Northwestern Avenue originally had Where Else? bar moving to the basement of the facility.

6-29-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

The Lafayette Redevelopment Commission approved a tax abatement for Kirby Risk. The abatement is for a 24,000 square foot facility that will also add eight new jobs.