

**Quarterly Issues Report**  
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## **AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE**

One of the worst droughts in our nation's history affects local business and agriculture in the NewsChannel18 viewing area during the third quarter. The fall of water levels alter the success of local businesses in the northern part of our coverage area. Lake businesses see a drop in customers as the lake levels fall so low, the bottom is nearly visible. During the drought NewsChannel18 shows how you can protect your trees during the severe drought.

**7-2-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:00)**

Football camp is just around the corner for many area high schools but this year.. players could be spending more time in the doctor's office if they suffer a head injury. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports on a new Indiana law has new requirements for players.

**7-5-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

The drought brings not just hot temperatures and dry conditions it also brings a risk to livestock and crops. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports the lack of water is already affecting farmers and may soon start affecting consumers.

**7-6-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)**

This hot and humid weather can make many of us feel tired and dizzy but if you're on blood pressure medication you could be feeling those effects even more. As NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports the heat has a greater effect on people on blood pressure medication and can also do damage to your prescription medication.

**7-6-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

"Franciscan St. Elizabeth Health" will open its new Healthy Living Center to help prevent patients from having to return to the hospital. The center will bring medical professionals together to help patients who have chronic conditions like heart failure and diabetes.

**7-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)**

Preserved land will now be available for livestock to graze. In Indiana nearly 280 thousand acres belong to the Conservation Reserve Program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the emergency use of this land for livestock producers to feed their animals during the drought.

**7-13-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:28)**

Although some are still reeling from the recession, small businesses in our area and across the country are helping keep the US afloat financially. NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson shares the story of two entrepreneurs in search of the American dream, while helping the nation's economic recovery at the same time.

**7-13-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

We're certainly still feeling the effects of the drought right now. But, farmers are looking at what this drought will do in the long run. News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports.

**7-13-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

The water level of Lake Freeman is down, but businesses on the lake want customers to know they're still open. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more in our continuing coverage of Lake Freeman.

**7-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

The humidity in the hot summer months..can be very uncomfortable feeling. But if you're outside exercising in high humidity it can also be dangerous. News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports on how you can stay safe during your outdoor summer workouts.

**7-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Representatives of the USDA are traveling across the country to visit producers affected by the

drought. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports the dry conditions won't only affect farmers and consumers in Indiana it will have an effect on the entire country.

**7-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)**

It's easy to forget about trees being in danger from the severe drought because of their size and the signs of their stress aren't as dramatic most vegetation. But members of Tree Lafayette say forgetting to water your trees this summer could have big impacts next year. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports letting your trees go brown could cost you green.

**7-20-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)**

Good news for West Lafayette and Purdue University. Between 60 and 70 new jobs are coming to the school over the next few years. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler was at the Purdue Board of Trustees meeting this morning..and brings us more about what faculty jobs will soon be available.

**7-20-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :19)**

Unemployment rates go up across the area in June. Tippecanoe County's jobless rate increased the most it was up more than one percent to eight-point-one percent.

**7-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

This week all of Indiana went under a water shortage warning with state officials asking high- volume users of water to reduce their use by 10 to 15 percent. If drought conditions worsen the governor could declare an emergency and make mandatory limits. For now public and private consumers are cutting back so that doesn't happen. Dan Klein reports.

**7-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

As NewsChannel 18 has been reporting the severe drought has really taken its toll on the state. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports some local area golf courses are fighting the drought but at a cost.

**7-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

When a group of children in Newton County received the news that their friend had cancer they wanted to help in his recovery. So they chose a fundraiser during their county fair. News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts paid a visit to this group of generous kids

**7-25-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

The entire Logansport redevelopment commission may be replaced. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell reports it all may be because of a movie theater.

**7-26-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Water levels of area lakes and rivers start to rise after recent rainfall. For the past month NewsChannel 18 has examined how the low water levels at Lakes Freeman and Shafer in Monticello have affected businesses and wildlife.

**7-27-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

A Purdue toxicologist says there are high levels of blue-green algae present in several areas lakes and rivers that could be harmful to your health. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on how you can keep you and your four legged friends safe.

**7-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

The drought has taken its toll on crops. Farmers are now having to salvage what they can to feed their livestock but veterinarians now say it could put the animals in danger. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more with our continuing coverage of the drought.

**7-29-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

74 counties in Indiana are eligible for federal disaster assistance due to this summer's crippling drought. As News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports Emergency Management directors are now looking at what kind of lasting effect the drought will have this coming fall.

**7-30-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

The drought continues to hit farmers across the area and there's no sign of relief any time soon. As News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports while most corn crops are a total loss, some farmers may be in luck when it comes to claiming crop insurance.

**7-30-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

The federal government has declared a natural disaster in 64 Indiana counties. Those include Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe and White Counties.

**7-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

For the last two days the Greater Lafayette area has welcomed 19 Chinese government officials to town. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports it's all part of an effort to boost investment and business in our backyard.

**7-31-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)**

Dozens of Parr residents are without running water and some believe it might be months before they get it back. As News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports residents and town officials believe several irrigation systems used at large dairy farms in the area are playing a big role in drying up these wells during the ever lasting drought.

**8-1-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

Winemakers from around the world send their best wines to Purdue University for the 21st Indy International Wine Competition. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery reports the area wine made from this year's crop may be some of the best yet because of all things the drought.

**8-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

'Excessive heat' and 'exceptional drought' are two phrases you've heard numerous times this summer as it's turning out to be one of the most extreme on record. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports local soybean crops are another victim of this year's benchmark summer.

**8-10-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Two cases of variant influenza A have been confirmed by health officials in Tippecanoe County. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more about how this virus is spread and what you can do to stay healthy.

**8-15-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

A new health education building at Purdue gets a big donation from IU Health Arnett. Indiana University Health donated one million dollars for the construction of the Lyles-Porter Hall.

**8-15-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

After some disagreement within the city of Logansport Mayor Ted Franklin makes some changes. As News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports, when city leaders and several Redevelopment Commission members disagreed on how some city funds would be spent, Mayor Franklin replaced those members with others who would agree.

**8-9-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

It may seem early to start thinking about your Christmas tree but Christmas tree farmers are concerned about what effect the drought will have on their businesses this winter. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell reports how long Christmas tree farmers will be feeling the effects of this year's drought.

**8-23-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:06)**

The Health Department confirms one case of the West Nile Virus is in Tippecanoe County. Tippecanoe County Health Department Administrator Ron Cripe says the person infected with the virus is recovering.

**8-23-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Crews broke ground on a new health clinic for Indiana Packer's employees and their families. The new facility will be located on US 421 in Delphi and will be free and open to employees 6 days a week.

**8-26-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

It's been nearly 15 years since a business opened in the town of Independence but now that's changed. News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports how one man is trying to make life a little easier for his community with a new store.

**8-30-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

More than 100 thousand dollars was raised in just two days for an area children's hospital. As News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports today was the second and final day that a Lafayette radio station hosted a radio-a-thon to raise this money to make miracles happen for some of the area's sickest children.

**9-5-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Subaru of Indiana saw a 35 percent increase in sales in August. SIA vice president Tom Easterday says the plant plans on increasing production to meet the demand of the Lafayette made vehicles. Easterday says the company plans on producing nearly 180 thousand subarus and 90 thousand Toyota camrys this year.

**9-6-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

Farmers gathered at the annual Forage Management Workshop to discuss strategies to make the most of the little rain received in the area. Farmers say that the rain will not be able to help the corn crop.

**9-17-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

A coffee roasting and distribution center for Copper Moon Coffee has initial approval for tax abatements if they build in the designated "Economic Revitalization Area." The ten acre area is located on Veterans Memorial Parkway East near IU Health Arnett Hospital. The new business is expected to bring fifteen jobs to the area.

**9-18-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

Two contagious skin infections have taken over a local high school football team. News 18's Brittany Tyner reports administrators are doing everything possible to prevent the infections from spreading to more players and other teams.

**9-19-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

After a long, summer drought harvest season is finally here. And this week is National Farm Safety week. News 18's Krista Henery reports officials want to remind farmers and drivers to be extra safe in order to have a successful harvest season.

## **CRIME**

A woman removes a knife from her bra and stabs a man in the face. A guilty verdict is handed down during a murder trial. A Purdue football player is arrested for physically abusing a woman in a campus bar. A Lafayette man stabs another man in the eye with a knife during a dispute. A clerk at a Village Pantry is robbed at knife point and the suspect flees on foot. The third quarter also saw several robberies, including a Chase Bank in Lafayette. A mobile meth lab is discovered in a pharmacy.

**7-9-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

A fight in Lafayette leads to two people getting stabbed including one person in the eye. Lafayette police say two people were involved. Officers say when they arrived one man was on the front porch with a stab wound, the other person was found inside the apartment next door.

**7-10-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

Jury selection for the second murder trial for Edward Zaragoza is complete.

**7-11-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

The second murder trial for Edward Zaragoza begins. Zaragoza is on trial for the murder of Kory Rogers in Lafayette.

**7-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Purdue football player Sean Collins was arrested last night after reportedly hitting a woman outside of Where Else? bar in Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell was able to speak with the victim today and brings us more on what she says happened.

**7-16-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

A Lafayette man faces two felony charges after police say he stabbed another man in the eye with a knife. Levi Stewart is charged with battery by means of a deadly weapon and battery resulting in serious bodily injury for an incident that happened earlier this month.

**7-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Disturbing details emerge as two area teens who sexually assaulted a 13 year old victim are placed with the Department of Corrections. We know now a group sexual assault lasted almost 45 minutes and the victim was blackmailed both before and after the incident. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein has been following this story since April.

**7-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

An investigation over six months in the making lands 29 people in jail on federal and state drug charges. And the raid even crossed state lines into Illinois, but it all started in Cass County. News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts was in Cass County today. The investigation included state and federal agents, but on the local level, Cass County law enforcement was a part of this massive investigation. They say it's a big step in fighting drugs in the community.

**7-23-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

The jury in the Edward Zaragoza murder trial returns with a guilty verdict for the murder of Kory Rogers.

**7-24-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

A man who was found guilty in the 2010 murder of Kory Rogers in Lafayette faces at least 75 years behind bars. A jury returned a guilty verdict on all of Edward Zaragoza's charges, including murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, conspiracy to commit burglary, conspiracy to commit theft, and burglary.

**7-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)**

A shoplifting incident led police to bust a meth lab in Clinton County. Frankfort police responded to a

shoplifting call at the CVS on East Walnut Street. According to police an investigation led officers to the 200 block of Wabash Street where they found an active meth lab in a duffle bag.

**7-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

The manager of a West Lafayette liquor store helps police catch some suspected burglars. It happened yesterday evening at the Village Bottle Shop on Vine Street. The general manager says he was leaving work when he heard glass break. He says he's been on the lookout for shoplifters after some bottles of liquor were stolen this weekend and says he was determined to catch the people involved.

**7-26-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

A man is arrested after detectives say he exposed himself to a woman early this morning. Lafayette Police say 31 year old Herbert Dekalb faces preliminary charges of public intoxication and public indecency.

**7-30-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Logansport Police say the CVS on Third Street was robbed at gunpoint. Police say the suspect demanded prescription medication and fled with a large amount of narcotics.

**7-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

Charges have been filed for a man suspected of breaking into a home and causing police to put two schools on lock down. 22 year old Montez Harris has been charged with nine felonies

**8-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

The two pharmacies in Frankfort have combined for at least five robberies or shoplifting incidents in recent months. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports.. police are stepping up patrols.

**8-8-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

Opening statements begin for the murder trial of Jeremiah Thompson. Thompson faces charges for the shooting of Kory Rogers.

**8-9-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :27)**

Lafayette Police say a suspect approached a man and woman with a semi-automatic gun demanding cash. No arrests have been made.

**8-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

Edward Zaragoza was sentenced to 120 years in prison for the murder of Kory Rogers in July 2010.

**8-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

A victim was robbed at gun point by four men. The victim was robbed of cash and his watch.

**8-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Indiana is one of 35 states not in compliance with a federal law outlining strict guidelines for sexual offender registries. As News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports, the state has some precedents that make it hard to adopt the federal law.

**8-22-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

Kevin Williams was found guilty of helping murder Clarence Smith last July. Earlier this year, a jury

found Williams guilty of murder, robbery, and conspiracy to commit robbery. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

**8-28-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

A Logansport man is back in jail. Accused of secretly video taping people using the bathroom. It's the same man who was released from prison in April after his rape and criminal confinement conviction was overturned. NewsChannel 18's Kelly Roberts explains why these new charges could affect his overturned conviction.

**8-28-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

A man faces charges after police say a fight over bedbugs led to a stabbing.

**8-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

The former owner of Family PharamaCare will serve more than 4 years in prison after pleading guilty to Medicaid fraud and income tax evasion.

**9-5-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :57)**

A dispute between two roommates leads to a stabbing in Remington. Witnesses tell NewsChannel 18 Larry Brown and Marlene Grant were living out of Brown's SUV and agreed to move to a place in Goodland. Witnesses say as they prepared to leave they got into a argument. We're told Grant pulled a knife out of her bra and stabbed Brown multiple times in the face and head.

**9-6-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

The woman who authorities say stabbed a man several times in the head in Jasper County, now faces a preliminary charge of attempted murder.

**9-8-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

A White County family fell victim to what they say was a scam and deputies say they probably aren't the only ones. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell reports what deputies say you can do to protect your family and your bank account.

**9-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

The man accused of robbing the Chase Bank on Teal Road in Lafayette has not been located. Detectives say his trail disappeared into a nearby apartment complex. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has the latest on the investigation

**9-17-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

White County deputies respond to another false alarm of a 'possible' stabbing this morning at a residence in Reynolds. As News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports White County officials say area residents should no longer be alarmed.

**9-17-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Nathan Huey- Dingle faces five felony charges including murder criminal confinement and promoting prostitution in the death of 20- year- old Rachael Woods of South Bend.

**9-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

Deputies removed a driver at gunpoint on Sagamore Parkway after they say a Lafayette man tried to

run a deputy off the road this evening.

**9-20-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Lafayette Police are reaching out to the public in hopes of finding the person or persons responsible for the Chase bank robbery.

**9-21-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

A Lafayette man who pleaded guilty in last year's murder of Jeremy Gibson says he wants to withdraw his guilty plea. In a handwritten letter from jail Darren Englert claims he was not in sound mind when he entered his plea in March.

**9-25-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)**

Lafayette police are searching for a suspect that robbed a Village Pantry early Tuesday morning. The suspect showed a knife and demanded money from the register and fled on foot.

**9-25-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

Lafayette police continue to search for a robbery that happened in the overnight hours. The robbery happened at Cambridge Estate Apartments. Lafayette police say two men used a handgun to steal a man's wallet.

**9-26-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)**

New Details emerge as Lafayette police search for a suspect after a late night robbery. It happened just after two o'clock Tuesday morning at the Village Pantry on Brady Lane. According to police, the man entered the store, pulled out a knife demanded money, and fled on foot. News 18 has obtained the photos of the suspect.

**9-26-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Federal agents from multiple agencies were in Montgomery County today. But exactly what they were doing or who they were looking for has not been disclosed. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports local deputies helped federal agents serve at least 5 warrants.

## **DIVERSITY**

Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette urges the community to donate food as supplies run low. A community helps raise money to cover the cost of young boys cancer treatments. A community rallies around a family after their home is destroyed by a fire. The Hunger Hike kicks off to raise money for the Lafayette Urban Ministry and Food Finders Food Bank.

**7-12-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Nearly 75 Hoosiers are in Texas to celebrate the NAACP national convention. Sadie Harper-Scott, President of the NAACP in Lafayette and West Lafayette, was at the convention.

**7-17-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Local unemployment is increasing the need of Lafayette's Food Finders Food Bank. And the non-profit organization is asking for help from the community. Food Finders is asking people to donate non-perishable items

**7-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

A community that has been under water for nearly 50 years is now revealed due to the lack of rain. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more about this unusual town.

**7-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

When a group of children in Newton County received news their friend had cancer they wanted to help with his recovery. NewsChannel 18's Kelly Roberts explains how the kids used the county fair to do just that.

**7-27-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Back to school shopping is the second most important season to retailers besides the holiday season. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more on this big money maker and what's being done for those who can't afford school supplies.

**7-29-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

A triathlon today helped raise money for women specific cancers, but there was one strict rule to the race, no boys allowed. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more about this unique race.

**8-1-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

An Assistant Fire Chief and his family are still trying to come to terms with a fire that destroyed their Montmorenci home. As News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports, The Shoults Family is leaning on the support of family, neighbors, and friends at the Otterbein Fire Department.

**8-9-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Land O Lakes provided a \$1,200 grant to the Harrison High School FFA. They also provided the seed for the garden the students have monitored and harvested. The produce, over 1,000 pounds will be taken to the Saint James food pantry.

**8-14-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Employees at Rea Magnet took time today to roll up their sleeves and donate blood. NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson has the story.

**8-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The Purdue Women's Club met on the John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge in West Lafayette to remind women in the area that they are here for them. Some of the more than 37 interest groups include crafts, antiques, wine tasting golf and book clubs.

**8-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

The "Tip- A- Soldier" event was held at Triple X and Route 66. It was all part of an effort to collect donations to send World War Two veterans to Washington D.C.

**8-28-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :42)**

The Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce hosted a special breakfast this morning in West Lafayette to talk about how immigration affects economic competition. "The Chicago Council on Global Affairs" along with a panel shared important information on the issue.

**8-30-12 (During five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:38)**

Although Breast Cancer Awareness Month isn't until October. Area firefighters and police officers are preparing now to show their support. What began as a small T-Shirt sale has slowly become a large financial support for women battling the disease. NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson explains.

**8-30-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

September is National Hunger Action Month but members of the Lafayette Food Finders say they need your help in fighting hunger here locally as well.

**9-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

A fashion show was held at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette. The event is used to raise money for the YWCA and its programs.

**9-17-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

The 2012 Hunger Hike kicked off at the Wabash Heritage Trail. Participants either walked two miles or ran to raise money for hungry children and families. The money raised goes to the Lafayette Urban Ministry and Food Finders Food Bank.

**9-20-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

A program promoting reading among young children celebrated its tenth year. "Book Cycle" began in 2002 with just a 500 dollar anonymous grant. It grew to provide children with access to books at eight different Head Start and Tippecanoe County Child Care Centers.

**9-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Workers at a local food pantry say while they're used to helping the needy in Greater Lafayette now they are the ones asking for help. As News 18's Krista Henery reports workers at the Salvation Army in Lafayette say if they don't get more food donations from the community, they fear they'll have to turn away those who need help the most.

**9-26-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

With just a little more than a month from the election things continue to heat up in the race for the White House. And experts say this year, Hispanic voters are considered pivotal to the presidential election. But as News 18's Krista Henery reports some Latinos could find themselves staying at home when it comes time to vote.

## **EDUCATION**

A local superintendent wins a top honor, while the community says goodbye to a longtime educator and welcomes a new face to the area. I-STEP results come in and the numbers look good for local schools in the viewing area. Construction for the new Ivy Tech remains on track. Purdue's eleventh president prepares to say goodbye to the university. Ivy Tech continues to expand, this time finding ground to break in Frankfort. The debate over school vouchers continues.

**7-2-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

For the first time in more than 15 years the Lafayette School Corporation has a new leader. Les Huddle, the LSC's new superintendent, was in his office for the first time. Huddle spent the majority of his professional career in Illinois.

**7-10-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:10\_**

I-STEP results are in and the results for our local schools look pretty good.

78 percent of TSC students met or exceeded the state average in both math and English and the same goes for 76 percent of LSC students. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has a more in-depth look on how the two corporations performed.

**7-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)**

On the first day that the very first Walmart opened in Arkansas July 2nd, 1962 something much more significant happened in the greater Lafayette area. It was the day that the Tippecanoe School Corporation was created the same year that John Glenn orbited Earth, Marilyn Monroe died and the Beverly Hillbillies TV show first aired. For TSC today was a chance to remember the past but look forward to the future.

**7-13-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)**

The hours are ticking down for the tenure of Purdue's 11th President France Cordova. After five years of leadership her last official day is Sunday. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein has more on her legacy as she walks out the door.

**7-16-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

The construction for the new Ivy Tech campus in Crawfordsville is still on track. The school can reach 2,000 students between Brownsburg and Illinois.

**7-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Glenda Ritz, a Lafayette native, announced her candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ritz is a teacher at Crooked Creek Elementary school in Indianapolis. She formally launched her campaign this morning outside of the Tippecanoe County Courthouse.

**8-13-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Ivy Tech is coming to Frankfort. Frankfort and Clinton County leaders hope it helps further educational opportunities and economic development NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports the campus could be ready for the first students this time next year.

**8-21-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

West Lafayette school officials hope an upcoming documentary will create discussion about America's education system. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports they're determined to compete with leading countries across the world.

**8-23-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The Finance Committee for the Purdue Board of Trustees requested over 313 million dollars in operating funds.

**8-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

During these first weeks of school the Purdue Police are sending students out to safely lead the way across the streets. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports.. it's all to help new students get used to the hustle and bustle of campus.

**8-30-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Students with severe behavioral issues are the focus of a new Lafayette School Corporation program. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell shows us how a two week long course could benefit every student in the corporation.

**9-7-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

This is the last day to apply for school vouchers. 15,000 vouchers remain available statewide for this school year. Vouchers allow students to leave public schools and enroll at a private school of their choice.

**9-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05)**

There's a bigger budget for the Tippecanoe School Corporation just in time for the largest kindergarten class ever. The TSC Board adopted the 2013 budget during their meeting this evening which will begin January 1st. The 122 million dollar budget is five million dollars higher than last year. Part is due to an anticipated two cent increase to assessed property values due to an accounting error by the state.

**9-13-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)**

Purdue students and faculty members held a protest today against Governor Mitch Daniels as Purdue's next president. As NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports one faculty member says no matter what happens this protest group is here to stay.

**9-13-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:25)**

Former Lafayette School Corporation Superintendent Ed Eiler and Vic Smith a co-founder of the Indiana Coalition for Public Education spoke to about 20 people at the West Lafayette Library. Eiler and Smith said the voucher program is a step in the wrong direction.

**9-13-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

It's something that ten years ago only about 1 in 3 Purdue freshman did graduate in 4 years. These days while it's still less than 50 percent it's better than ever. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports more and more students who are trying to avoid "the victory lap."

**9-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Dr. Scott Hanback is named the 2013 District Four Superintendent of the Year. The winner is picked by members of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

**9-20-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The Indiana Supreme Court gets set to decide whether the nation's largest school voucher program violates the state constitution.

**9-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Education a big focus for many Hoosiers this election cycle. The current state superintendent says more changes are still needed. News 18's Dan Klein explores his ideas and those proposed by his challenger.

**9-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

Purdue University's next president wants to speed up the transition to trimesters and may explore changing healthcare options for faculty and staff. Governor Mitch Daniels spoke with C-SPAN founder and Purdue alum Brian Lamb yesterday. News 18's Dan Klein takes a look their conversation.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

A 70 year old school building will soon come down. Major road projects in the area start to re-open after long closures. A tax abatement for Kirby Risk passes, allowing expansion of their current facility. A historic street in Lafayette will get a much need face-lift in the coming weeks. The construction for a three story apartment gets the thumbs up for construction. Controversy erupts in Logansport over the proposed construction of a new theatre.

**7-2-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

The Lafayette City Council unanimously approved the abatement for Kirby Risk tonight. The company plans to build a one million dollar, 24 thousand square foot facility at their McCarty Lane site.

**7-3-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

The Board of Works approved a bid from Milestone Contractors to redo North Street in the city's downtown. The historical brick street is known for its uneven surface and bumpy ride

**7-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

A sudden road closure has business owners on edge in White County. They say they would have liked more notification. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has more on the road construction project stirring up controversy.

**7-9-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :49)**

Construction on and extension of Faith Baptist Church project could begin soon. City engineer Dave Buck says they'll receive quotes on parts of the construction. The building, Faith West, will be on Northwestern Avenue near Yeager Road in West Lafayette.

**7-12-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

An asphalt plant has some Delphi residents up in arms. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner speaks with neighbors who say the plant is disrupting their daily life.

**7-17-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Crews will replace the brick street in the historic neighborhood. Lafayette Board of Works approved the inspection and replacement of North Street.

**7-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

Businesses in White County now have access to a popular highway. On July third access to Phoenix Lawn and Garden and Rangeline Enterprises from US 24 was closed off due to construction. The manager of Phoenix Lawn and Garden says summertime is the company's busiest season. However, in the nine days the business was closed off from 24, only 2 customers came in.

**7-18-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

Dancing in the Streets has been providing family fun for two decades. But it also has a big impact on the economy of Greater Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more about how money raised will help improve the economy.

**7-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

The three story, 14 apartment building called "Meridian Crossing" passed during the Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission. The development will go before the West Lafayette city council. Crosswalk Commons four story, 88 bedroom building located on Hilltop Drive.

**7-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

All of the members of the Logansport redevelopment commission could soon be replaced. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell reports it could be all over a proposed movie theater.

**7-26-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

The 14 apartment development called “Meridian Crossing” is withdrawn and set to be voted on again in the next month. The developer sent the mayor a letter to notify the city he is withdrawing the project.

**7-27-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

After a dispute about whether or not a new theater should be built using public funds in Logansport, Mayor Ted Franklin says all three of the mayoral appointed redevelopment commission will not be returning.

**8-13-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Some big changes on the way for CityBus riders. CityBus broke ground on a brand new transfer station at North and third streets in Lafayette. The station will replace the current facility at Riehle Plaza with a brand new glass design, wrap-around canopy, and more handicap accessible features.

**8-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

The McCarty Lane extension, which runs between county road 550 East and State Road 26, opens.

**8-21-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

Commissioners say North Ninth Street Road, north of Burnett's Road, will be closed to traffic starting on September 10th for road reconstruction.

**8-22-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

A long abandoned building will soon have a new tenant and thrift shoppers should have one more store to choose from soon. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports a Salvation Army thrift store will be taking over Lafayette's old Circuit City building.. and with a scheduled opening in November.

**8-24-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

A gravel road that runs for only a mile is causing quite a stir in Clinton County. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports that paving this road leaves many residents with questions.

**8-29-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

The Boilermakers will kick-off the football season with their first home game this weekend. As News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports with major road projects underway, police say there could be some 'major' backups when traveling to and from Ross Ade stadium.

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

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners approved a request by a local developer to rezone almost 14 acres to build a new apartment complex called Southern Winds. The plan has caused some controversy this summer. But as News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports, the commissioners believe a commitment from the developer seems to have solved the major concerns.

**9-5-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

The Logansport City Council gives the go-ahead for a new movie theater to be built in the city, but not everyone is excited for the changes. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell has more about the concerns of one business owner who may have to shut down when the theater opens.

**9-11-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

Market Square business owners were surprised to see a sign saying the large shopping mall is up for sale. As News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports, business owners hope a new owner can help revitalize the Market Square they love.

**9-12-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

A stretch of the Hoosier Heartland is set to open next month. NewsChannel 18's Holly Campbell brings us an update on the 450 million dollar project.

**9-12-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

A 70 year old building will soon come down in Shadeland. Prep for the demolition of the old Shadeland School begins next week. As News Channel 18's Kelly Roberts reports, Shadeland residents may be sad to see it go but they're positive about what is to come.

**9-14-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

The city council in Frankfort says free parking in the city will now be limited to two hours as opposed to three. Parking violations will also increase.

**9-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Copper Moon coffee is in the process of relocating its headquarters to Lafayette. The establishment will bring 15 jobs to the area.

**9-18-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

The city of West Lafayette will sell old street signs to Oscar Winski Metal Company as a way to recycle scrap metal.

**9-21-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

Some welcomed news for drivers who travel along South River Road and U-S 23. INDOT says the intersection will open very soon.

**9-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Whoever thought driving in a circle could be so confusing? I never did but these roundabouts certainly proved many of us wrong. Today, the Indiana Department of Transportation held it's first ever roundabout school to help with some of that confusion. News 18's Holly Campbell attended the school and has some important roundabout tips to help keep you safe.