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AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE

In business news in the fourth quarter NewsChannel 18 showed viewers the story of a man who proves there is always time to get an education. Purdue University gets a grant to study organic crops and machine maker Caterpillar announced plans to open a facility in China. The move would out-source area jobs.

10-7-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :40)

In an effort to save millions from an already stretched budget, Purdue University is looking to change the healthcare benefit plans it offers employees. Purdue is laying out changes to three health care plans in an effort to save four million dollars. The university is asking employees to pay higher premiums.

10-8-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :35)

A Lafayette healthcare facility has been awarded over 3 million dollars to expand. Riggs Community Health Center will receive over 3-point-five million dollars to expand access to quality health care. The money will help with any construction and renovation needs Riggs may have and help expand access to quality health care for people in the area.

10-13-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:45)

People looking to get into the winemaking business are getting some hands-on experience at Purdue. Newschannel 18's Laura Kirtley explains.

10-19-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:00)

It's never too late to go back to school and get a degree...and as News Channel 18's Tiffanie Dismore shows us, 86-year-old Jerry Cole is proof of that.

10-22-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :35)

A local car dealer faces 13 felony charges after a police investigation that's lasted nearly two years. Steven Max Firestone is being charged with thirteen felonies. According to court documents, several customers at Firestone's dealership on Schuyler Avenue told police about fraudulent practices.

11-1-10 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration :30)

The City of West Lafayette is seeing its health insurance costs rise, and will now use Anthem as its healthcare plan provider. Director of Human Resources Diane Foster says rates will increase by 9 point 1 percent. She says by changing insurance carriers and plan design they were able to keep the costs down.

11-18-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :40)

Officers executed a search warrant at a local Mexican grocery store. Tippecanoe County Sheriff Tracy Brown says officers began their investigation around 9 o'clock this morning at La Guadalupana Mexican Store. Brown says it is part of a joint investigation between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Inspector General and the Sheriff's Department.

11-19-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:55)

Caterpillar announced plans today to invest 300-million dollars in a new plant in China...manufacturing an engine that is a mainstay of the company's facility in Lafayette. As News Channel 18's Kristin Maiorano tells us, officials say that won't affect jobs at the Lafayette plant.

11-23-10 (Story aired during noon broadcast – Duration :35)

Purdue has received a one point two million dollar, three-year grant from the US Department of Agriculture to promote organic farming in Indiana. Botanist Kevin Gibson says organic farming has gotten a slow start in our state. Purdue agricultural economists Maria Marshall and Corinne Alexander will try to identify potential economic and marketing obstacles and opportunities for organic farmers.

11-29-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:00)

In a tough economy, one area business owner is expanding his pizza business to West Lafayette. Tiffanie Dismore has more on how the city of West Lafayette is trying to bring more business to Sagamore Parkway.

12-27-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :50)

Multiple fire crews and a tanker were dispatched to 9572 West County Road 6-50 South in Colfax around 3 o'clock this afternoon. That address is the site of a processing facility for organic meat and poultry supplier This Old Farm. A firefighter on the scene says the fire started as a grease fire in the smoke house.

12-28-10 (Story aired during noon broadcast – Duration :30)

A business in Lafayette is closing its doors and it could be particularly bad news for kids. Monkey Joe's announces that its inflatable indoor play area located in International Square on State Road 26 is officially closed. According to the owner's family the business was simply not making enough money in the current location.

12-29-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:40)

Indiana State Senator Phil Boots is hoping to push legislation in the upcoming session that would change multiple liquor laws. But many liquor store owners are saying this legislation will not be good for business. Alexandra Diero has the story.

CRIME

The fourth quarter was busy when it came to crime in the NewsChannel 18 viewing area. NewsChannel 18 brought you the verdict in a murder case that captured national headlines. A shooting at a West Lafayette night-club leaves one man paralyzed. NewsChannel 18 also highlighted the possible penalties for residents who get a little too creative with their snow sculptures.

10-8-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast)

Officers in the West Lafayette Narcotics Unit say they are working hard to keep dangerous drugs, like

LSD and ecstasy...off the streets. The unit made four drug arrests this week in Tippecanoe County including busting a marijuana growing operation that police say was capable of producing about \$200,000 worth of marijuana.

10-28-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast)

A Benton County jury returns a guilty verdict for a man who shot and killed his fiance on their wedding day. News Channel 18's Ava Wilhite was in the courtroom for closing arguments.

10-31-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:00)

Two Attica teens have been arrested...after allegedly breaking into a home, killing three dogs...and attempting to set the house on fire. According to Attica Police chief Gene Snoeberger, 18-year-old Christopher Bartlow and 18-year-old Theodore Robinson were arrested this morning on felony charges of burglary, theft, arson and killing a dog.

11-4-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:00)

A Pioneer High School student is in trouble for allegedly having sex with a 12-year-old girl. NewsChannel 18's Joe LePage talked to the student before he went to court, and a school principal who is in disbelief.

11-9-10 (Story aired during A.M. Broadcast – Duration 2:00)

Stories of bullying with tragic outcomes have made national headlines this year. But right here in Lafayette an alleged act of bullying is making one little girl sick...and her mom says the school is doing nothing to stop it. Now, that mother says *she's* the one being pushed around.

11-28-10 (Story aired during weekend broadcast – Duration 1:00)

A Miami County couple is in jail tonight...after a domestic dispute led to the hospitalization of their 9-month old son. 44-year-old Henry Shell junior and his wife, 23-year-old Karen Shell were both arrested, under felony charges of neglect of a dependent causing serious bodily injuries.

11-30-10 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration :40)

A Logansport woman is in jail after her three-year-old son shot his sibling's friend in the head with a B-B gun. According to Logansport Police First Sergeant Brad Miller, 32-year-old Rebecca Anderson was arrested today on a felony charge of neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury.

12-8-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:40)

Just hours after a shooting outside a West Lafayette bar early Sunday morning, police arrest an Indianapolis man. The search is still on for another man who police say fired shots outside Nick's Night Club on the levee. West Lafayette Police Lieutenant Troy Harris says the shooting began shortly after two am Sunday morning.

12-9-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :40)

Two West Lafayette residents are in jail on preliminary drug charges. 23-year-old Jay Lim was busted at his place at the Williamsburg on the Wabash apartment complex. West Lafayette Police Lieutenant Troy Harris says officers found 13 and a half ounces of marijuana at Lim's place....along with 51-hundred dollars in cash.

12-23-10 (Story aired during Morning Broadcast – Duration 2:10)

This week's snow has been the perfect texture for snowballs and snowman building. But you might want to reconsider WHAT you build out of snow -because it may be a violation of the law. News Channel 18's Aaron Leedy has a the story surrounding some obscene snow sculptures.

DIVERSITY

Purdue Men's Basketball Coach Matt Painter talked to a group at the YWCA's Domestic Violence Luncheon. The area celebrated Hispanic culture during the Dia de los Muertos events in the community. And, as the holiday season approached, the Salvation Army put out the call for more volunteers and more donations of clothing and toys for area people in need.

10-7-10 (Story aired during A.M. Broadcast – Duration :55)

The YWCA Domestic Violence Luncheon will focus on how men can help each other end the cycle of abuse. Domestic Violence Program Director Danielle Gaylord says the need at the domestic violence shelter is greater than ever.

10-11-10 (Story aired during Noon Broadcast – Duration :50)

Area chefs are showing off their best recipes to raise money for the March of Dimes. Lafayette's Signature Chefs Auction features dozens of chefs from around Lafayette. Guests can sample the chefs' best dishes.

10-18-10 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration :50)

Purdue basketball coach Matt Painter is asking the community to help stop domestic violence. Painter, along with others, spoke during the YWCA's Domestic Violence Awareness luncheon.

10-25-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:35)

What is now being called "The Half Marathon" went on in Flora over the weekend after weeks of controversy. Newschannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has the details.

10-29-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration :45)

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is celebrated each year in Latin cultures to celebrate life and honor the dead. Local organizations including the Purdue Latino Cultural Center set up displays and shrines for the event.

10-31-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:15)

A leading figure in the Western Buddhist movement is in Lafayette. News Channel 18's Alexandra Deiro shares the story this Tibetan Lama wants to share with the world.

11-18-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration :50)

It was a day of victory for the United Way of Greater Lafayette. The organization announced this evening that it reached its 2010 campaign goal. This come a year after the organization fell short of its goal for the first time in 35 years. Donors raised just over the 4 and a half million dollar goal.

12-6-10 (Story aired during noon broadcast – Duration :35)

Purdue students, faculty and staff are joining four local agencies in hopes of making a brighter Christmas for children in Greater Lafayette. The Boiler Volunteer Network Season of Sharing is asking you to visit Stewart Center, Room

12-14-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:25)

Angels are needed to fulfill gift wishes for needy children. The Salvation Army puts out a final call for presents.

EDUCATION

Purdue University lifts its ban on alcohol for fraternities and sororities school-wide in the fourth quarter. Also, a high school student gets in trouble for her stance on breast cancer awareness. And the Delphi Community School Corporation gets a gift from the area's National Guard Armory, a free building.

10-1-10 (Story aired during morning broadcast – Duration :35)

The alcohol ban for Fraternities, Sororities and Cooperatives will be lifted at noon this afternoon, but a new list of rules will be put in place. Inter Fraternity Council President Nick Kitchell says the moratorium was a time to come up with a solution.

10-29-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:20)

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but, as Newschannel 18's Joe LePage shows us, a student at an area high school is catching a lot of heat for her idea to raise money for the effort.

11.25.10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:00)

A school is supposed to be a safe place for children to spend most of their day. But once the final bell rings, many teachers and parents are concerned children leaving could be in danger because drivers are in a hurry. Tiffanie Dismore has the details.

11-26-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:15)

Lafayette School Corporation gets an international partner in learning--a school in China. Niccole Caan has the story.

11-30-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration :50)

Parents met with administrators from the Tippecanoe School Corporation to talk about education. The district hosted its annual dinner with parent representatives at Cole Elementary last night. The talk focused on school finances, technology and reforms in education.

12-6-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:10)

The National Guard will no longer have a facility in the city of Delphi. But the National Guard's loss, will be a gain for the Delphi Community School Corporation. Newschannel 18's Alexandra Deiro joins us now with more on this story.

12-8-10 (Story aired during the 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration :35)

The Logansport Community School Corporation has a new superintendent. Michele Starkey has been named as the new head of the school district. Starkey graduated from Logansport High School in 1987 -- she went on to earn a Master's in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University.

12-17-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:15)

The Sierra Club gave an unusual gift to Purdue trustees today. The issue at hand is Purdue's plans to build a coal-fired boiler in the Wade Utility Plant. With the university trustees in town for meetings today and tomorrow...members of the environmentalist group the Sierra Club hoped today would be the time to make their voices heard. News Channel 18's Kristin Maiorano was there.

12-28-10 during 5 o'clock broadcast

Can a person *swim* from Attica to Indianapolis? Swimmers from four local high schools answered that question over the course of two days, all for a good cause. Videographer Nathan Caldwell takes us on their journey.

TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE

Several road and bridge projects took major steps in the fourth quarter. West Lafayette welcomed its second round-a-bout to the city. Major steps were made in the planning of the major bridge project that will reach over West Lafayette's Celery Bog in 2011. Also, the bridge over US Highway 52 in Lafayette did not meet safety standards and plans were made to fix things in the future.

10-4-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:15)

If you show cattle at the Tippecanoe County 4-H fair, or just attend the fair in general, you will notice a change next year. A new building is set to be constructed, but not before the demolition of two cattle buildings.

10-11-10 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:10)

As fall continues, so does the threat of deer versus car collisions. In fact, such accidents are up 21 percent over the past five years. News Channel 18's Aaron Leedy has more on what drivers should look-out for.

10-18-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:45)

If your commute takes you across the Celery Bog, you have definitely noticed a bumpy ride. Newschannel 18's Aaron Leedy has a status update of the project.

10-20-10 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:00)

The state is looking at what to do to make the U-S 52 eastbound bridge over the Wabash River safer. The bridge was built in 1936 to connect the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette. The state found the bridge to be in poor condition and it does not meet current safety standards.

10-27-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration :30)

Construction on Cumberland Avenue in West Lafayette has come full circle. The city celebrated the opening of the new roundabout at the intersection of Cumberland and Kent Avenue with a ribbon cutting this afternoon.

11-5-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration :35)

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a meeting to get public input on a proposed design change to the Hoosier Heartland intersection. INDOT is making plans to construct a roundabout at the intersection of new State Road 25 and the existing State Road 25.

11-19-10 (Story aired during 5 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:25)

Christmas is coming early for drivers in Lafayette. As Newschannel 18's Joe LePage shows us, two stretches of detoured roads are set to re-open next week...just in time for holiday traffic.

12-8-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:00)

Construction at Mackey Arena is moving along on schedule. The building is now enclosed just in time for winter, so crews can work inside, out of the elements. In less than a year, construction is expected to be complete. As Aaron Leedy reports, new features, but most importantly, more square footage will be provided.

12-13-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration :50)

The Lafayette School Corporation plans to demolish the Pythian Home next year. The school board voted tonight to approve construction projects for 2011, which includes the tearing down the home.

12-24-10 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:15)

The Cass County Humane Society has waited nearly 10 years for a new facility. That wait is finally over. Staff and animals have been settled into nearly 6,000 square feet.