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AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE

The first quarter sees a trash removal company cause a stir after they unexpectedly close their doors leaving customers with nothing but questions. The Tippecanoe County Board of Zoning Appeals says a judge can shut down a controversial dog breeding business without the need of going to court. More than one billion dollars of capital investments in 2013 broke economic records in Tippecanoe County. The confusion continues over a local trash company going out of business. News 18 broke the story that Tippecanoe Waste Removal was closing for good and that all accounts would be honored by Waste Management. But today, Waste Management says that's not true.

1-2-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:35)

After weeks of customer complaints about late trash pick up, more than 300 customers will no longer have trash pick up by Tippecanoe Waste Removal. News 18's Samantha Thieke joins us with new information on the reasons for TWR's delays and the business taking over hundreds of their pick ups.

1-8-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

Tippecanoe Waste Removal customers are still searching for answers after trash has not been picked up for more than four weeks. It's a story News 18 first brought you last week. Now News 18's Holly Campbell visits the company's headquarters looking for answers.

1-9-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:00)

Tippecanoe Waste Removal employees say they have not worked for a week and just like the customers, they want answers. News 18's Holly Campbell continues to investigate issues surrounding the company and reports employees say problems started two months ago.

1-9-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

West Lafayette will soon be adding up to seven firefighters to its department. News 18's Brittany Tyner reports, it's all thanks to a federal grant that serves as a two year boost for West Lafayette's budget.

1-10-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

The confusion continues over a local trash company going out of business. News 18 broke the story that Tippecanoe Waste Removal was closing for good and that all accounts would be honored by Waste Management. But today, Waste Management says that's not true. News 18's Holly Campbell reports TWR's CEO says he didn't want to disappoint customers.

1-10-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Twin City Dodge has partnered with Kokomo businessman Rex Gingerich to help the business grow. Gingerich is a managing partner of two dealerships in Kokomo and hopes to bring his success to the Lafayette dealership.

1-11-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

The fourth time could be the charm to bring microbreweries to farmers markets in Indiana. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports how a 2014 bill could help expand local shopping.

1-13-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 2:10)

College professors are often known for special areas of expertise. It's this passion for research in one area that can lead to many exciting discoveries. One Purdue professor broadens his work to encompass all parts of food science. So News 18's Alex Maragos went to campus to learn what it takes to make food better.

1-16-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)

160 people have filed consumer complaints against Tippecanoe Waste Removal with the Attorney General's Office. 153 of the complaints were filed Wednesday.

1-21-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:15)

The flu is getting worse here in the Hoosier state. Now, hospital officials are trying to stop the spread of the virus by placing restrictions on visitors. News 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on what this means for patients and visitors.

1-23-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

Ivy Tech and MatchBOX are partnering to prepare students interested in entrepreneurship.

1-23-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The Tippecanoe County Board of Zoning Appeals says a judge can shut down a controversial dog breeding business without the need of going to court.

1-24-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)

A Midwest propane shortage is causing a rise in price for the heating fuel. And experts say a combination of weather and infrastructure problems are to blame. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on the factors influencing the propane shortage.

1-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

After an area trash service closes its doors, another business is busy picking up its former customers. It's a story News 18 has followed for weeks. Tippecanoe Waste Removal announced it was closing after hundreds of complaints from customers that their trash hadn't been picked up for weeks. News 18's Holly Campbell reports with TWR closed, D and D Trash Services has been working around the clock to help new customers.

1-28-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)

Unemployment rates dropped across the board in December. Tippecanoe County's jobless rate fell more than a full percentage point, to five-point-four percent last month. That's one of the largest decreases in the area and gives Tippecanoe County the lowest jobless rate locally.

1-29-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

A Lafayette business is looking to move closer to downtown by requesting the zoning of six property lots between Union and Salem Streets. Abstract Technology Group, an information technology and web design company, is currently located off Fourth Street and Teal Road.

1-30-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

The rough winter weather may be a pain for many, but it's also helping some local businesses. Krintz Lawn Care in Brookston is staying busy this winter. Vice President Michelle Krintz says they use their trucks to plow commercial and residential lots.

1-30-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

Preparations are underway at local businesses with the Super Bowl just days away. HotBox Pizza in West Lafayette has already received several catering orders. On a normal Sunday they make 200 to 250 pizzas. That number will nearly double on Sunday.

2-1-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Monarch butterfly populations may be in trouble. The insect migrates every winter from North America to a specific area outside of Mexico City. Now, scientists are noticing a significant drop in the amount making the trip.

2-3-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Indiana University Health is no longer part of United Healthcare Insurance's provider network. As News 18 reported late last year, the contract between the two entities expired on December 31, but a temporary agreement was reached. At the time, IU Health Public Relations Coordinator Sally Winter

said the temporary agreement would last until a new deal could be reached. But in a letter to its members dated January 29, United Healthcare says it was unable to come to a new contract with IU Health.

2-4-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)

A letter sent to United Healthcare customers has caused some confusion for those who use IU Health physicians. The letter dated January 29 says the contract with IU Health has been terminated. It was in fact terminated on December 31, but IU Health and United Healthcare officials say negotiations are continuing.

2-5-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)

The Purdue Research Foundation and Cook Medical will collaborate to support life sciences start-up opportunities.

2-5-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:15)

As contract negotiations continue between IU Health and United Healthcare another network of doctors is waiting to see how it could affect coverage. News 18's Kelly Roberts has more on Franciscan Saint Elizabeth's response to the possible influx of new patients.

2-6-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

After more than year of debate over what programs should receive budget cuts.. President Obama will sign the new farm bill into law tomorrow. News 18's Samantha Thieke spoke with some Purdue experts to get their opinion on the bill and how changes could affect farmers and taxpayers.

2-10-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Indiana School of Medicine Lafayette is preparing to move into a new building this summer. The school will move to Lyles-Porter Hall in July. The new building is located on Purdue's campus near the intersection of Harrison and University.

2-13-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

More than one billion dollars of capital investments in 2013 broke economic records in Tippecanoe County. And now that we know how much was invested.. many may be wondering when they will see the effect of the investments on the community. News 18's Samantha Thieke has more on the ways the investments are expected to impact the Greater Lafayette area.

2-13-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

Purdue Research Foundation is investing \$150,000 in two start-up companies based on work by professors linked to Purdue.

2-13-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

Purdue researchers have developed a way to detect salmonella in food about three times faster than current detection methods. News 18's Amber Hardwick has more on the new technology BARDOT and how it can potentially help the public.

2-18-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Members of "Future Farmers of America" are celebrating National FFA week with "Drive Your Tractor to School Day."

2-21-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)

Local government leaders got the chance to share what they thought about the state of Lafayette, West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County today. News 18's Samantha Thieke has more on the outlook for the Greater Lafayette Area.

2-24-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)

I-U Health Arnett Hospital is one step closer to becoming a trauma center. The Indiana EMS Commission named the hospital an "in-process" trauma center. Hospital officials say becoming a trauma center means patients won't have to be taken to Indianapolis or Chicago for specialized care.

2-25-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

A packaged food company that services brands like Chef Boyardee and Orville Redenbacher, is bringing a new distribution center to Frankfort. Frankfort and Clinton County officials say ConAgra plans to build a facility in Frankfort. They say they facility will bring more than 200 jobs to the city.

2-27-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 2:35)

More than 40 area business and community leaders are in Washington DC trying to meet and influence policy makers, as well as get a better handle of issues for themselves. News 18's Dan Klein has more on what they have heard and learned so far.

2-27-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05)

A large tax break for a Lafayette company cleared another hurdle today. The city's redevelopment commission approved 422 million dollars in tax abatements for Subaru of Indiana Automotive. SIA is asking for two abatements: 68 million for expansion and 354 million for production tools and equipment. The auto manufacturer wants to add half a million square feet to the existing building with the 10 year tax breaks. The expansion will add 900 jobs for production of the Impreza.

2-27-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

The nutrition label is getting its first redesign in nearly 20 years. The new design aims to cut down on the obesity rate. Serving sizes and calories will be simpler to read and understand. Sugar will split into natural and added sugars. Gone will be the calories of fat and vitamins A and C. New additions to the label include Potassium and Vitamin D.

3-3-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

IU Health Arnett Hospital has made some changes in its food choices. News 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on how hospital officials hope the change will help promote a healthy lifestyle for everyone.

3-5-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

In 2012, the drought sent grocery store prices through the roof. But this year, experts say grocery costs are starting to smooth out. Purdue ag economist Chris Hurt says total food costs have increased about one percent. But Hurt says when it comes to certain foods, you'll notice a significant change in cost. Hurt says the current population of beef cows in the US is the lowest it's been in more than 50 years, causing prices to jump.

3-6-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 2:45)

The same gas you use to cook food on a stove, is now being used to fuel cars. In fact, Tippecanoe County's first Compressed Natural Gas station opened to drivers this fall and more could be on the way.

But while experts say more CNG stations are popping up, one economist says it could be a long road ahead before the auto industry switches gears and makes all vehicles CNG compatible.

3-11-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

Affordable Care Act navigators are staying busy this month as an important deadline approaches. Open enrollment in the ACA marketplaces ends March 31. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports what is important to know in these last weeks.

3-17-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)

Local unemployment rates rose in January despite a state-wide decline. Tippecanoe County's jobless rate in January rose two-tenths of one-percent to five-point-six percent.

3-25-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:50)

A new report says G-E Aviation is expected to build a new jet aircraft engine plant in Tippecanoe County. The official announcement is expected to come on Wednesday. Governor Mike Pence's office says the governor will be at the Purdue University Airport with GE executives. Pence's office is calling the event a major jobs announcement.

3-25-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)

A proposal that reduces corporate income tax and gives counties ways to cut taxes on business equipment is now law.

3-25-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)

GE Aviation media relations manager Rick Kennedy says the company is the world's largest designer and producer of commercial and military jet engines, bringing in more than 20 billion dollars a year. More than 39,000 people are employed by GE Aviation at 83 sites across the world. Expanding its business to Lafayette, the Cincinnati-based company will be building a more cost effective engine.

3-25-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

GE Aviation is expected to build a new jet aircraft engine plant in Lafayette. The official announcement is expected to come tomorrow.

3-25-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

A new business offers an easier and greener way to commute around Greater Lafayette. Uncle Adam's Uphill Bikes opened for business last week. The store sells electronic bikes that you can pedal or cruise in. The bikes come in 25 different models, runs on a lithium battery and can be folded up to fit into your car.

3-26-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The future home of the GE Aviation plant may be across the river, but West Lafayette leaders are also eagerly anticipating the impact of the new plant. Mayor John Dennis believes the plant will have a positive impact by improving the local housing market and encouraging future development.

3-26-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Below average temperatures are in the forecast for April. The cool-down could mean problems for farmers who grow corn. Purdue Corn Extension specialist Bob Nielsen says the temperatures will be more of a nuisance than anything.

3-26-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

The Governor also made a stop in Tippecanoe County as GE Aviation announced plans for a 100 million dollar facility in Lafayette. The plant, which is set for construction on US 52 just south of Nanshan, will bring more than 200 high paying jobs. As News 18's Kelly Roberts reports, GE Aviation took their time on deciding where to locate, but are now in a hurry to get production going.

3-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

Along with having a positive impact on Purdue, the new GE Aviation facility could boost the housing market and businesses in the Greater Lafayette area. News 18's Brittany Tyner reports, with GE Aviation comes high quality jobs that could have a major impact on the community.

3-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

With a company like GE Aviation that focuses on high-tech technology coming to the area, Purdue officials say it's really going to benefit university programs and students. News 18's Holly Campbell reports.

3-28-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

Local unemployment rates rose again in February despite another decline in the state-wide jobless rate. Tippecanoe County's unemployment rate last month was up three-tenths of one percent to five-point-eight percent.

3-29-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

The deadline to sign up for coverage through the federal healthcare program is just two days away.

3-30-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

A new law signed by Governor Mike Pence aims to keep locally grown products here in the Hoosier state. With a large percentage of our food coming from out-of-state, many say this is something Indiana needs.

CRIME

A shooting on Purdue's campus shocks the community and brings the university to a stand still. Cody Cousins pleads not guilty to the shooting and stabbing murder of Andrew Boldt in the Electrical Engineering building on Purdue's campus. Prosecutors filed Discovery papers in the case, listing 126 potential witnesses, including Purdue students and police. News 18 returns to campus after the deadly shooting where the memory of what took place was still fresh in the minds of students. The state files a formal lawsuit against Tippecanoe Waste Removal for failing to collect trash after taking payments from several hundred customers.

1-2-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

A pair of burglaries, a robbery and an attempted robbery land a Lafayette man behind bars after he returns to the scene of one of the crimes. Late last night, officers were called to the Village Pantry on Main Street for a reported robbery. A man was found running through yards and identified as 32-year old John Cochran.

1-2-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a man wanted on sexual battery charges. Detectives say Dale Lucas is wanted on two counts of criminal deviate conduct and two counts of sexual battery.

1-3-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :40)

An arrest has been made for a robbery, all because the suspect returned to the scene of the crime. Late Wednesday night, officers were called to the Village Pantry on Main Street for a reported robbery. A man identified as 32-year-old John Cochran was found running through yards. He was taken into custody on the 14 hundred block of Alabama Street on preliminary charges of theft and resisting law enforcement.

1-9-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

Theft, robbery and burglary charges are filed against a Lafayette man after a series of crimes. They say 32-year-old John Cochran stole lottery tickets and cigarettes from the VP on Main Street in Lafayette.

1-9-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a woman wanted for possession of a narcotic drug. 24-year-old Logan Land is the subject of this week's Fugitive Search. She's five feet, three inches tall, weighs 120 pounds and has hazel eyes and may have a different hair color than this picture shows.

1-10-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)

A bank in Mulberry is robbed just after opening Friday morning. The Farmers Bank in Mulberry is now closed for the day following the robbery. The Clinton County Sheriff's Office says no one was harmed and that the robber left with an undisclosed amount of money. No photographs or descriptions have been provided yet, but News 18 will have more on this story as details become available.

1-10-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

One person is in custody after a bank robbery in Mulberry.

1-13-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Lafayette police are still looking for the person or people responsible for a shooting that took place in November. Lieutenant Brad Hayworth says investigators are still following up, but there are no updates in the case. As News 18's reported, police were called to 1705 Rainey Street on November 21st after a man said two intruders kicked in his door and shot him. Hayworth says the victim, 31-year-old Justin Pollard, did not know the two intruders.

1-15-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The Lafayette Police Department is asking for your help identifying a man they say was involved in an attempted robbery.

1-16-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

An armed robber holds up a Linden bank and escapes on foot within a minute's time.

1-16-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

Two people now face robbery-related charges as part of a five-month investigation into a two armed robberies in Delphi. The Carroll County Sheriff's Office says charges were filed against Amanda Cassineri and James White.

1-16-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a man wanted for fraud, trespassing and public intoxication. 32-year-old Ben Davis is the subject of this week's Fugitive Search.

1-17-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)

Frankfort Police Chief Troy Bacon says drug offenses topped crime statistics for the city last year. Bacon says there were 68 total drug-related arrests in 2013. He says there was also an increase in drug sale and manufacturing arrests.

1-21-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)

The Electrical Engineering building where the shooting took place on Purdue's campus yesterday is now open. News 18's Holly Campbell has more on what services were available to students returning to collect their belongings after being evacuated from the building.

1-21-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:20)

New information tonight about the two Purdue students at the center of a shooting on campus. Police say 21-year-old Andrew Boldt was shot and killed by 23-year-old Cody Cousins. New at 11, we'll hear from friends of both Boldt and Cousins and take you to Hovde Hall where thousands gathered to mourn the loss of a fellow student in a candlelight vigil. Plus, we'll share the sound of the story unfolding from the police scanners. But first, News 18's Kelly Roberts on campus all day following the news unfold and has the latest on the shooting.

1-22-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 2:40)

One Purdue student is dead and another is in custody after a shooting at the university. Police say 21-year-old Andrew Boldt was shot and killed by 23-year-old Cody Cousins. As information about the two men at the center of this comes out, the motive remains unknown this morning. News 18's Krista Henery joins us from Purdue's campus with more this morning.

1-22-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

The first officer on the scene arrived about 90 seconds after a report of shots fired was dispatched. West Lafayette Police Officer Kevin Coomey says he did not know exactly what he was responding to, but his training kicked in. News 18's Kelly Roberts has more on Coomey after he caught Cody Cousins moments after the shooting.

1-22-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)

West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis joined News 18 This Morning to discuss the response to the shooting. Dennis says law enforcement in the city have trained for this type of incident but they had hoped it would never happen. He says their response Tuesday was appropriate.

1-23-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

Today was the first day back in class for Purdue students since Tuesday's shooting. The crime scene tape around the Electrical Engineering building has been taken down. But the memory of what took place just over 48 hours ago still lingers in the minds of many Purdue students. News 18's Samantha Thieke spoke with a counselor at Purdue on what he is doing to help students cope as they return to classes.

1-23-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

A Purdue student police say killed another student inside a Purdue classroom Tuesday afternoon was in court for the first time today. News 18's Holly Campbell has the story from the Tippecanoe County jail.

1-24-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

First responders were on scene within minutes Tuesday after several reports of a shooting on Purdue's campus were made. Three days later, area law enforcement is reviewing their response. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on the collaborative effort to secure the situation.

1-24-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Three teenagers are sentenced to prison time after four robberies near Purdue's campus in 2012.

1-29-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

An armed robbery at a West Lafayette apartment complex results in gun shots.

1-29-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

A Lafayette man is sentenced to more than three decades behind bars after pleading guilty to two bank robberies. Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Pat Harrington says 49-year-old Ronald Corbin was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

1-29-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The alleged victim in a West Lafayette armed robbery is now in police custody. Investigators say 35-year-old Reginald Greene was arrested on preliminary charges of criminal recklessness, dealing marijuana and possession of marijuana over 30 grams.

1-30-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

The state files a formal lawsuit against Tippecanoe Waste Removal for failing to collect trash after taking payments from several hundred customers. News 18's Krista Henery has more on the lawsuit filed at the Tippecanoe County Courthouse.

1-30-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a man wanted for rape.

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

Communities across the United States are working to bring the number of dog bites down. Some are choosing new legislation. But the city of Lafayette is choosing a different route. News 18's Holly Campbell reports it can land pet owners behind bars.

1-31-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :50)

One man is dead and a woman is recovering this morning after a shooting in Tippecanoe County.

1-31-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

We now know that the victim involved in a shooting last night in Tippecanoe County is a professor at Purdue. And she filed for divorce late last year. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more.

1-31-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:40)

55 people were bitten by dogs in Lafayette last year, 23 of those bites were from pit bulls. In part one of a special series on Dangerous Dogs. Holly Campbell showed how the city is holding pet owners responsible for their animal's actions. Tonight, Holly investigates why so many of the reported dog bites in Lafayette trace back to a particular breed.

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

Lafayette police are looking for an armed robber who held up a gas station.

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

Lafayette Police are investigating their second shooting of the week. A 17 year-old has been arrested in one of the cases. Police say the shootings raise concern, but maintain Lafayette is a safe community. News 18's Kelly Roberts spoke with Police Chief Patrick Flannelly today about the two shootings

2-13-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :35)

A pregnant woman is taken to the hospital after an overnight armed robbery in Lafayette.

2-19-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:15)

The Lafayette Police Department continues its investigation into a possible hit and run that left a man dead.

2-19-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

News 18 learns the name of the victim in last nights fatal hit and run. The victim has been identified as 46 year-old Mark Lee Brummitt of Lafayette.

2-19-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Police arrest two more people in connection with a robbery last week in Lafayette. 18 year-old Alexis Daniels and 17 year-old Meghan Cheshier were arrested for "burglary with serious bodily injury" and "robbery with a deadly weapon."

2-20-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

Police now have a possible description of the vehicle involved in a fatal hit and run. LPD says the vehicle is believed to be older vehicle, possibly from 1985 or earlier. The vehicle is believed to have round headlights with damage to the front right headlights. There may also be grill damage on the right side.

2-24-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:25)

A man accused of helping a Warren County inmate after he escaped last fall has been arrested in Lafayette. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on the arrest of Danny Horton, a man who has been on the run for more than four months.

2-26-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :35)

A man is sent to Franciscan St. Elizabeth Central hospital after being stabbed multiple times.

2-26-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Prosecutors may call more than 120 people to testify in the murder trial of Cody Cousins. Cousins is being held without bond in the fatal shooting of another Purdue student on campus last month. Prosecutors filed Discovery papers in the case, listing 126 potential witnesses, including Purdue students and police.

2-26-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

A man killed in a hit and run in Lafayette was laid to rest yesterday. And a day after the funeral the family and police are looking for answers. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports on the family's plea and the little police have to go on.

2-26-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 4:30)

From a brand new car to a brand new relationship. It seems like anything is available on the internet. But when does meeting up for that great deal become a great risk? One of last year's biggest crime stories centered around two people meeting up because of a Craigslist posting. News 18's Brittany Tyner investigates the dangers of internet ads in our area.

2-27-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Police officers state-wide will be cracking down on impaired drivers over the next few weeks. Starting Friday about 250 county deputies and state and local police officers will be out for Operation Pull Over.

2-27-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a man wanted for sexual misconduct and failing to appear in court.

2-28-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

Copper thieves have been causing problems for home and business owners in the area. And with copper selling for more than three dollars a pound.. the problem may not be going away anytime soon. News 18's Samantha Thieke has more on who is at the highest risk for copper theft and how local law enforcement agencies are working with scrap metal companies to stop copper thieves

3-5-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :43)

Charges are filed against a Lafayette man after prosecutors say he stabbed a man for being too loud at an apartment complex. Prosecutors say Diunte Moon stabbed a man in the chest after an argument at an apartment complex on the 1,500 block of Schuyler Avenue.

3-5-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:12)

Tippecanoe County sheriff's detectives have concluded that a shooting incident from late January was indeed an attempted murder-suicide.

3-5-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

In White County, officers are investigating a methamphetamine lab in Idaville. Sheriff Pat Shafer says a deputy and Monticello police officer got a tip of possible drug activity at a home on US 24. Sheriff Shafer says when officers arrived they found things commonly used to make meth.

3-6-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

A forensic psychiatrist known for his work in many high profile murder cases may take the stand in the murder trial of Cody Cousins. Dr. Phillip Resnick has worked on cases against Jeffery Dahmer, Timothy McVey, Andrea Yates, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski, Casey Anthony, and Scott Peterson.

3-6-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette police are looking for a woman wanted on three warrants. 25 year-old Nicole Orsborn is the subject of this week's Fugitive Search.

3-7-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)

The person police say is responsible for the fatal shooting on Purdue's campus in January is now expected to go to trial in October. 24-year-old Cody Cousins is being held at the Tippecanoe County jail without bond for the murder of 21-year-old Andrew Boldt.

3-11-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :37)

Three people are arrested and three others are wanted on warrants after a cocaine investigation by the Tippecanoe County Drug Task Force. According to the Lafayette Police Department, the drug task force recently finished an eight month investigation. They say the task force identified six dealers through deals with undercover officers.

3-13-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)

A Cass County man has been convicted of murdering his neighbor. After four days of trial, Loren Fry was convicted today in the 2011 death of his neighbor Dave Shroder. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on the case.

3-13-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a woman charged with domestic battery.

3-14-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :20)

Lafayette police are looking for an armed robbery suspect this morning. It happened at the Village Pantry at 18th Street and Brady Lane early in the morning. Police say a man walked into the store displaying a handgun and then fled north with an undisclosed amount of cash.

3-14-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :25)

Lafayette Police responded to a shooting at a home in the 2,100 block of Hiawatha Lane. Officers found one male who had been shot twice. Witnesses say they saw two to three black males heading north and running away from the residence

3-17-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette police continue to look for those involved in a shooting last week. Detective BT Brown says police have followed up on several tips that came through the anonymous we-tip hotline.

3-19-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The Rensselaer Police Department is looking for a man they say robbed a gas station at knifepoint.

3-20-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :20)

Lafayette police are investigating a pair of armed robberies. We know the first one occurred at the BP

gas station on Teal Road around 3:30 this morning. The second one happened a short time later at a

separate BP station on Ferry Street.

3-20-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :28)

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office says one person has been arrested in connection with three bank robberies. They say they arrested 46-year-old Alan McCormick on preliminary armed robbery charges.

3-20-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Lafayette police have arrested a man after two Lafayette gas stations are robbed early this morning. Police say the first armed robbery happened at the BP station at Teal Road and 22nd Street around 3:30 a.m. A person, described as a black male in dark clothing, pulled out a chrome handgun, took cash from the gas station then got away on foot.

3-20-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

Lafayette Police are asking for the public's help in finding a man charged with intimidation.

3-21-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 45)

A Lafayette man says he robbed three stores at gun-point because he's addicted to crack cocaine.

3-23-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

An observant citizen helps puts a suspect of an armed robbery behind bars. On March 18th Rensselaer police received a report of an armed robbery at the Raceway Gas Station. Police say a man showed a knife and restrained the store's clerk before getting away with an unknown amount of money.

3-23-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

A man reported getting beaten up and robbed and two juveniles are under arrest for the crime. Lafayette Police say it happened Saturday night just before nice near Erie and Vinton streets. The male victim told police two males attacked him and took his wallet. Police say the two suspects ran away, then got into a waiting vehicle.

3-24-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

A high-speed police chase through Boone and Clinton counties ends with a crash and the arrest of a man from Lebanon.

3-24-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

A Lafayette man is sentenced to 30 years behind bars after pleading guilty to one count of child molestation. Prosecutors say Cornellious Brown attempted to have intercourse with an eight year old girl on multiple occassions in late 2012 and early 2013.

3-26-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Cyber security is the focus of the 15th annual CERIAS Symposium at Purdue. CERIAS stands for Purdue's Center for Education and Research for Information Assurance and Security. The symposium discusses research on cyber crime prevention at the local and national levels.

3-28-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

The caller behind a threat that sent schools in two counties into lock down late last year has yet to be

identified. And it's because of a newer method using technology known as spoofing. News 18's

Brittany Tyner iexplains where the threat was received and what spoofing is.

3-28-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Lafayette police are asking for the public's help to find a woman wanted for criminal recklessness.

3-29-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

A Lafayette man is sentenced to 25 years in prison after he tried to rob a West Lafayette business last spring and was caught near police headquarters.

After being diagnosed with cancer, one local woman pushes herself to the physical brink to raise money for a cause. The YWCA is receiving a \$10,000 donation to go towards improving the Oppenheimer House. News 18's Holly Campbell explains how Meals on Wheels and Serenity Hospice are planning ahead to beat the winter weather. A local radio group takes donations to send high school girls to the prom. Area IV Development is set to manage 44 new apartments planned for downtown Delphi. The project is aimed at helping low-income people and families get a fresh start.

The Indiana Blood Center says they are in need of blood donations and there could be quite a prize in store for a lucky donor. The blood center says each donor at the Lafayette center will be entered into a raffle for a pair of tickets to the Indianapolis Colts' playoff game against the Kansas City Chiefs this Friday.

1-4-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)

Lafayette Transitional Housing is Holding a coat and blanket drive. The event will take place in the parking lot at the corner of 18th and Union streets.

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

The Indianapolis Colts and the Indiana Blood Center are teaming up for another blood drive.

1-13-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Food Finders Food Bank is looking for people to spend Martin Luther King Junior Day as a volunteer. Food Finders is inviting the public to help out at the food bank's volunteer-a-thon

1-14-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The YWCA is receiving a \$10,000 donation to go towards improving the Oppenheimer House. Officials at First Source Bank presented the donation during the grand opening of the new Cascada location

1-20-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

In Lafayette, more than 150 Purdue students are volunteering for MLK Day. Students will be at Food Finders for its volunteer-a-thon. The students will be split into three shifts of 50.

1-20-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)

Purdue students are spending their day off volunteering in honor of Doctor Martin Luther King Junior. News 18's Holly Campbell has more from the cultural center on campus and upcoming events.

1-23-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

After extending fundraising efforts during the holiday season, the Lafayette Salvation Army has finally met its goal,

1-24-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

A shelter dog is getting a second chance thanks to some help from a local elementary school. News 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on why the school came together to raise money for Scrappy.

1-24-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)

Going door-to-door to deliver meals or medical care has been a challenge for some local companies thanks to the snow and cold weather this winter. News 18's Holly Campbell explains how Meals on Wheels and Serenity Hospice are planning ahead to beat the winter weather.

1-26-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)

Disc golfers braved the cold and snow today to take part in the fifth annual Ice Bowl disc golf tournament. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on how the tournament gives back to the community.

1-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

One woman is pushing herself to the limit to honor those fighting cancer. For Terri Smith-Wright, it all started when her brother was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1998. Earlier this month she was chosen by Team in Training to run the Dopey Challenge at Disney World in Orlando. Terri raised more than \$8,000 for the challenge.

1-28-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :50)

When a European rocket blasts off to Mars in 2018, a piece of West Lafayette will go with it. Wasatch Photonics, which has an office in the Purdue Research Park, will have a spectrometer attached to the Mars Land Rover. A spectrometer is a device that can identify a material by hitting it with a laser and measuring the light reflected back. The Mars Rover will take soil samples then feed those samples through the spectrometer.

1-31-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :25)

Purdue officials say those who want to express support can do so by purchasing a "Boiler Strong" t-shirt. They say the sales of the shirts will benefit the Andrew Boldt Cary Racing Scholarship Fund. The shirts cost ten dollars and will be sold at the University Book Store on State Street in West Lafayette. They say other donations for the Andrew Boldt Cary Racing Scholarship Fund can be made to the Purdue Foundation.

2-2-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

After a funding shortage delayed the opening of the White County Boys and Girls Club, generous donations and support from the community helped them finally open their doors last month. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on how the generosity of once community is helping the children of White County.

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

Every school day, almost 31 million students get a lunch through the National School Lunch Program. But these aren't the same school lunches you may remember. Out with the french fries, in with the sweet potato fries. Though it may be more healthy, that doesn't mean it's doing any good. Over the next two nights in a special News 18 series Samantha Thieke looks at what schools are doing to help students eat more healthy and how changing guidelines may make that more difficult.

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

Over the past two years the USDA has implemented strict guidelines in an effort to make school lunches more healthy. And they are about to get more strict. The people who serve those lunches are worried kids won't eat lunches which meet this latest guideline. In the second part of her series, News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on a new dilemma for school lunches.

2-19-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Food Finders Food Bank is getting help from a Lafayette business. Saint Anthony Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is celebrating its ten-thousandth client by giving Food Finders a check for ten-thousand dollars. The money will be going towards the food bank's "Senior Grocery Program."

2-21-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

Kids at the Boys and Girls Club in Lafayette were surprised this afternoon by a few Purdue Football players. More than 60 children met with eight football players. The players and kids teamed up for a relay race.. and squared off in a game of dodgeball.

2-25-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :50)

A local radio group is working to make it easier for young girls to go to prom this year. The WASK radio group is taking prom dress donations for the fifth annual "Gown Town."

2-25-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 2:10)

On March 4 the YWCA will host its 40th Annual Salute to Women event, which recognizes empowered women in the community. One of those women is Tenecia Waddell. Waddell is a Purdue Police officer who serves others in variety of ways. News 18 This Morning looks at how Waddell starts her service with a smile.

2-26-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

The YWCA's Salute to Women is honoring JoAnn Brouillette. A woman who gives her time to help people around Greater Lafayette. News 18's Amber Hardwick has more on JoAnn's story and her contibutions to the community.

2-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

The 40th Annual Salute to Women event is March 4 and on that day the YWCA will recognize women in the community. Barbara Kerkhoff is one of those women. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on Kerkhoff's dedication to helping women in the community.

2-28-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

In our next Salute to Women tribute, News 18's Elisabeth Rentschler profiles Michelle Kreinbrook, a woman who hopes to empower a younger generation of women.

3-1-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

News 18's Krista Henery brings you the story of Pam Mow and Dana Vann. Both women lost their sons while they were fighting for our country. But now, these two Gold Star Mothers have kept their sons' spirits alive by giving back to our community.

3-1-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Many middle school students aren't thinking about college just yet, but an event today gave them the opportunity to do so. It was all part of the Emerging Young Leaders Community Youth Summit. The event is for sixth to eighth grade students and is put on by the Chi Phi Omega chapter. The summit focuses on character building, leadership skills, and planning for college

3-2-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

The former spokeswoman for Purdue University may be retired, but she's finding plenty of ways to keep busy. Some of those ways include starting a furniture bank and helping with local food banks. As we continue to look at this year's YWCA Salute to Women nominees. News 18's Brittany Tyner tells us more about Jeanne Norberg.

3-3-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

The dean of Purdue's College of engineering is a MIT and Princeton graduate. A nearly 40 year Purdue employee. And she is a woman. Doctor Leah Jamieson is being named a Woman of Wisdom by the YWCA. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports on the dean who is breaking stereotypes.

3-4-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

It was a milestone event for a ceremony that honors women in the community. This was the 40th annual Salute to Women banquet at the Purdue Memorial Union. Eight women were honored for their achievements and contributions to the community. Organizers hope the banquet empowers women to be strong role models to others.

3-7-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

The YWCA of Greater Lafayette will soon have a place for swimmers to enjoy aquatic activities. After five years of being closed, the YWCA's Schleman Natatorium indoor pool will be renovated and reopened by July 1.

3-10-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Area IV Development is set to manage 44 new apartments planned for downtown Delphi. The project is aimed at helping low-income people and families get a fresh start. Two downtown historic buildings will be renovated and house 16 apartments. An additional 28 apartments will be built on Market Street in Delphi.

3-10-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

Food Finders Food Bank is joining law groups in a statewide food drive competition this month. It's the six annual March Against Hunger. Attorney General Greg Zoeller visited the food bank today to encourage lawyers to get involved.

3-13-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)

It's been almost four months since multiple tornadoes tore through Indiana. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports, the winter weather has made it difficult for areas hit the hardest, like the small town of Mellott in Fountain County, to clean up and rebuild.

3-16-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

Ambly-opia is an eye disorder affecting about three percent of children. It can cause permanent vision problems if not treated early. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on how one Jasper County mother is spreading awareness about the disorder.

3-17-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

Food Finders Food Bank is asking people to bring their best denim for their biggest fundraiser of the year.

3-18-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

Spring Break is almost here and some West Lafayette students are getting set for camp. The YWCA is having a spring break camp next week to keep kids busy during their week off. Students ages five to 12 years old are expected to attend. The camp features nutrition workshops.. physical activities and arts and crafts.

3-20-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)

Snow and extreme temperatures this winter forced many families to visit local food banks. News 18's Holly Campbell reports as the seasons change, so does the demand for food in our area.

3-23-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Purdue University students are preparing to disrobe for a good cause. The Nearly Naked Mile is taking place on Thursday March 27. Participants are encouraged to literally donate the clothes off of their backs and then run a mile through campus. The run starts in front of Lambert Fieldhouse and ends at the Dauch Alumni Center. Runners who do not want to show some skin can still donate clothing at the Alumni Center before the event. The clothing will be donated to Lafayette Transitional Housing.

3-25-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)

March is disability awareness month in Indiana and News 18's Krista Henery has the story of a Lafayette business owner who has employed a man with a disability, now hoping to encourage fellow employers to give others the same chance.

3-25-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

It's Boys and Girls Club Week across the country and a celebration is underway in Greater Lafayette.

3-25-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

While some kids are spending part of their spring break at the Boys and Girls Club, others are headed to camp More than 85 campers gathered at the YMCA's Straight Arrow camp.

3-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

The White County Boys and Girls Club is quickly growing from the start of the year. Because of the growth, they need volunteers and extra funding. News 18's Amber Hardwick has more on the rewarding experience of being a volunteer.

3-29-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

It took more than just boiling water for teams of Boilermakers to make a statement. The Boiler Culinary Throwdown was put on by the Purdue Student Union Board this afternoon. Five teams of four were given 90 minutes to prepare a three-course meal. Attendees of the event were asked to donate canned goods to the Food Finders Food Bank.

3-29-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

The unimaginable tragedy of having two children die from the same disease in two years is bringing a community together. Kendra Julian graduated from McCutcheon High School, but is on a mission to help a Central Cahtolic High School family. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports on the benefit to support the Mackey family.

The winter weather that swept through the viewing area delayed ISTEP testing and gave teachers and students more time to prepare. The Indiana Department of Education releases accountability grades for corporations across the state. Purdue University may part ways with its regional campus in Fort Wayne. News 18 examines the cost of vouchers in a special report. Purdue examines the possibility of year-round classes. Every 5th and 6th grader in the Lafayette School Corporation will be given their own iPad in the fall to use for the school year. The Lafayette Catholic School System is adding one to one technology for students and teachers beginning in August.

A meeting this morning gave state representatives a chance to talk about Indiana's budget. The State of the State budget meeting took place in Lafayette. Representatives and members of the community were able to weigh in on several topics, including education funding and the elimination of the business personal property tax.

1-11-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The Tippecanoe School Corporation honored seniors with a winter commencement ceremony.

1-13-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

There's a new one-stop-shop for Lafayette Ivy Tech students to get answers on financial aid, admissions and even their bills. Ivy Tech held an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Express Enrollment Center.

1-14-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

Students in the Tippecanoe School Corporation will be in school a little longer this year. TSC will have to make up the school days they missed on January 8 and 9. The make-up days will be May 27th and 28th.

1-14-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

It's also been one year since Ivy Tech opened its Crawfordsville campus. And while it's only been a year, News 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports, the director is pleased with its progress.

1-14-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)

Governor Mike Pence addressed the state tonight. His second State of the State address included hot button topics like a business tax cut, education and same-sex marriage. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on the address.

1-15-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)

School districts now know their A's, B's and C's. And for some, even their D's and F's. The Indiana Department of Education released accountability grades for corporations across the state today. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports one area district improved and two dropped.

1-15-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)

Governor Mike Pence's plan to provide pre-k vouchers to low income children is sparking discussion about other ways the state can expand early childhood education. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports about the benefits some Hoosier children could miss.

1-16-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

2014 is well underway and so are new initiatives at Purdue. In an open letter to the Purdue university community earlier this week.. President Mitch Daniels announced new measures he'll take in his second year to make an education more affordable. News 18's Brittany Tyner sat down with Daniels to talk about a third-year tuition freeze, as well as a million dollar prize.

1-24-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

With snow and bitterly cold temperatures these last few weeks, school closures and delays have caused students to miss a fair amount of school. For school officials, planning on when to make up those missed days has already started. News 18's Amber Hardwick reports they have plenty to consider.

1-30-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

Disregarding a school bus stop arm is not only against the law, it's a serious danger to children getting on and off a school bus. But a Statehouse Bill could make it easier for schools to catch drivers who pass buses with the stop arms out. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on what one local school corporation is saying about the benefit of stop arm cameras on school buses.

2-3-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

State schools superintendent Glenda Ritz met with the Tippecanoe School Corporation to discuss the future of two schools damaged by a tornado last year. News 18's Holly Campbell reports, school officials are still unclear how much the damage will cost from last November.

2-5-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)

Purdue University may part ways with its regional campus in Fort Wayne. That decision may come after the results are known of an ongoing study of Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne. Purdue President Mitch Daniels sat down one-on-on with News 18's Brittany Tyner to talk more about the possibility of IPFW breaking away.

2-10-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 3:30)

College affordability has come into question as tuition at public colleges and universities continues to climb. In the first part of our series on college affordability, we look at how Purdue stacks up against its public peers.

2-11-14 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 3:30)

In part one of our college affordability series, we showed you how state funding to Purdue affects what students pay for an education. Now in part two, students share their stories about paying Purdue tuition. All of these students come from low-income backgrounds, but some benefit from a state program, now getting national attention.

2-11-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

Options like starting ISTEP testing later, longer school days, and Saturday school are available to help make up time lost in the classroom because of weather. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports how teachers are trying to get this year back on track.

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

Purdue University is partnering with Chrysler on a program providing research and development for the automaker and education for Purdue students and Chrysler employees.

2-12-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

The financial hit for the tornadoes that damaged a pair of Tippecanoe School corporation schools is becoming a little more clear. The preliminary estimate for the damage to Southwestern Middle and Mintonye Elementary Schools is 12 million dollars.

2-15-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

An anonymous gift of five million dollars will help make Purdue more affordable for in-state students. The university announced the donation this evening. Matching components of the donation could nearly double the amount of scholarship endowments available to students.

2-17-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Students at Purdue are teaching a physical education class for children who are home schooled. The "Home School Gymnastics Program" teaches kids the basics of tumbling, balance beam and parallel bars. Purdue Physical education students are working with the kids while earning class credit.

2-17-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

At Purdue University, two number are going in the right direction. Both fundraising dollars and application numbers are on the rise. News 18's Brittany Tyner joins us now with more on the numbers from today's University Senate meeting.

2-19-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 5:50)

It's an education program that Indiana will spend about 80- million dollars on this year. It's money that some parents say gives them the freedom to choose what's best for their child. It's money that some school officials say is the choice by state lawmakers to defund public schools. The argument is one of the most hotly debated pieces of Indiana's educational reform. Over the next two nights, in a News 18 special series, Dan Klein will examine the Cost of Vouchers.

2-20-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 5:10)

Just a few weeks ago, we learned Indiana's voucher program has an expected price tag of 81 million dollars this year. Is that a steep price to pay for parental choice? Or, is that a small price to pay to help low and middle income children succeed where they wouldn't in a public school? Last night, News 18's Dan Klein looked at how Indiana's School Choice program brought school freedom for one family, along with its effect on local schools and Indiana's education funding. Tonight, he joins us now for Part 2 of a News 18 special report the Cost of Vouchers.

2-22-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Area students showed off their knowledge of the English language in the annual spelling bee. The even took place at Sunnyside Intermediate School.

2-24-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

Ivy Tech Community College and St. Joseph's College are partnering up to make it easier for Lafayette students to further their education.

2-24-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Record-breaking enrollment could soon start causing problems for the Lafayette School Corporation. Administrators informed the school board in a work session that after a decade where the average kindergarten enrollment was 550 students, the last two years have been at more than 690.

2-25-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Getting more kindergartners ready for their first day of school was the focus of tonight's school board annual joint meeting. United Way and "Community Commitment to Education" leaders announced a new program called "Born Learning" that should begin this fall. The initiative will begin a public awareness campaign to help parents know how to teach their young children.

It can be tough for parents to know exactly what their child needs to know, before they enter school. It's estimated by the United Way that more than 40 percent of five-year olds start kindergarten behind in academics, social skills or sometimes in both. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on what teachers expect a child to know entering Kindergarten and what parents can do to make sure they're ready.

2-27-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)

Purdue will pair up with LSC students and teachers to promote STEM courses. A nearly quarter-million dollar grant from the Indiana Department of Education Math Science Partnership will give students a summer STEM experience and help further develop teachers.

3-3-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Students and teachers have additional days to prepare for ISTEP testing after the window was pushed back a week because of winter weather. News18's Holly Campbell reports teachers are using the extra time to make sure kids are ready.

3-6-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:00)

I-STEP scores are a major factor in calculating a public school's A to F grade. But Carroll Elementary staff say a glitch in an online portion of the test is to blame for their recent C grade. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on the problem that caused 22 students to not receive a grade for part of last year's ISTEP exam.

3-8-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

Ivy Tech Community College says it could double its enrollment and graduation rates, but first, it needs more money. The college is asking for 83 million dollars from the state, but it may not get it's wish.

3-10-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)

Every 5th and 6th grader in the Lafayette School Corporation will be given their own iPad in the fall to use for the school year.

3-11-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)

Summertime just might become a prime time for classes at Purdue University. It's a measure aimed to help students graduate on time and help with the affordability of a college education. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on the possibility of year-round classes

3-12-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

From a new program aimed at kindergarten readiness, to healthy changes to school lunches, the West Lafayette Community School Corporation board covered several topics. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on how West Lafayette hopes some schedule changes will also help kindergartners succeed.

3-12-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)

Tippecanoe School Corporation officials hope students and teachers will not have to use space at First Assembly Community Ministries in the fall.

3-20-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

The first part of this year's ISTEP testing is over, but teachers had less time to prepare students because of severe weather. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on how school weather cancellations and delays affected ISTEP prep and what school administrators thinks about students' performance.

3-21-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

The Lafayette Catholic School System is adding one to one technology for students and teachers beginning in August.

3-26-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Guns will be allowed in school parking lots in Indiana as long as you are properly licensed. It's a bill that was signed into law today by Governor Mike Pence. Guns in school parking lots are only allowed if they are locked in a vehicle and hidden from sight.

The winter weather damages roads around the News 18 viewing area and puts a large dent in city budgets as costs far exceed expectations. The Indiana Department of Transportation and Tippecanoe County do not see eye to eye when it comes to repairing a bridge in West Lafayette. The Indiana Department of Transportation is on track to spend more money on this winter than it has on average in each of the last five years. Standing water in a quiet Lafayette neighborhood has residents fed up. A rezoning request to turn an old Lafayette bank building into the new home of a tech company gets a favorable recommendation.

Construction projects in West Lafayette can move forward in 2014 thanks to a newly approved spending plan. Some of those projects include rebuilding Navajo Street at Salisbury Street, Cumberland Avenue Phase Three, the State Street Master Plan, as well as some work on Happy Hollow and Northwestern Avenue.

1-3-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)

After more than two decades of employment, a Clinton County administrator is let go from her position. News 18's Holly Campbell reports outraged community members think the vote from county commissioners was a personal one.

1-4-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:55)

For many in the area..the tornadoes that hit in November may seem like a distant memory. But for those who had homes, barns and other structures damaged by the winds, the rebuilding process continues. News 18's Dan Klein reports, for one Tippecanoe County couple, it's taken far longer than expected.

1-9-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)

A weight restriction is now in place for the State Road 225 Bridge over the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County.

1-13-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

Street crews have been working hard all day long fixing potholes scattered across area roadways. News 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on how the road craters can be a big cost to both the county and you.

1-14-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

The Tippecanoe County Council is moving forward on a new municipal waste treatment facility in Romney.

1-14-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :35)

The Lafayette Board of Works receives several bids to purchase a new fire truck. Lafayette Deputy Fire Chief, Steve Butram says they'll be replacing a 1995 aero-platform truck they currently have.

1-15-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The Indiana Department of Transportation and Tippecanoe County do not see eye to eye when it comes to repairing a bridge in West Lafayette. INDOT wants to give the bridge which passes over North River Road and leads onto Wiggins and Fowler streets to the county. The state has allocated about 100-thousand dollars to seal cracks on the bridge.

1-15-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)

The city of Lafayette officially has a new in-house parking operations department. With the switch comes new technology that may make it more likely for you to get a parking ticket if you don't follow the rules. News 18's Brittany Tyner reports, city officials hope it stands out in more ways than one.

1-15-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05)

A rezoning request to turn an old Lafayette bank building into the new home of a tech company gets a

favorable recommendation. But only after the new owner changes his request with the blessing of area

planners.

1-17-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The Indiana Department of Transportation is also preparing for the snow this weekend. Communications Director Debbie Calder says now is when crews check trucks for mechanical issues and fix them.

1-17-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

A 108 acre lot in Carroll County near the Hoosier Heartland Highway will soon be a new Industrial Park. The lot sits less than three miles from the new highway and directly on the Winamac Southern Railroad Line.

1-20-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)

Indiana Department of Transportation officials say cable barriers may have prevented more injuries from occurring during Saturday's fiery crash on Interstate 65.

1-22-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :55)

45 Indiana counties allow off road vehicles on roadways and some citizens hope Tippecanoe County will be next.

1-23-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)

The Benton Community School Corporation is now accepting applicants for its superintendent vacancy.

1-26-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

Clinton County was the only county in the viewing area Saturday to issue a travel warning, meaning only emergency vehicles were allowed on the road. It has since been lowered to a travel watch, but as News 18's Kelly Roberts reports that advisory may be in effect for a few days.

1-27-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The Indiana Department of Transportation is on track to spend more money on this winter than it has on average in each of the last five years.

1-28-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

West Lafayette's proposed annexation plans are approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

1-28-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

Some officials have had it with the West Lafayette City building after a second burst water pipe is discovered. Mayor John Dennis says he is making a bigger push to move out of the building. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports what needs to be done before the city can move to its preferred location.

1-29-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

The winter weather has also been costly to the Indiana Department of Transportation this year. More than 31 million dollars has already been spent on winter operations throughout the state.

1-29-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

A Lafayette business is looking to move closer to downtown by requesting the zoning of six property

lots between Union and Salem Streets. Abstract Technology Group, an information technology and web design company, is currently located off Fourth Street and Teal Road. The requested lots are zoned as a residential three area, but the business that previously operated at the location received a special exception to operate there as a neighborhood business. Abstract Technology is seeking the same exception.

1-30-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)

The damage from a water pipe burst at the West Lafayette City Hall is not slowing down city officials.

2-1-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

2013 was a record year for City Bus of Greater Lafayette. Data shows a record number of passengers rode City Bus last year. More than five million residents relied on the bus system.

2-3-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

A group of Tippecanoe County officials will meet this week to discuss a possible off road vehicle ordinance.

2-6-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

West Lafayette annexation plans go into effect next week as the 90 day remonstrative period comes to an end. Starting next week the city of West Lafayette will take over all services in the annexed areas.

2-11-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :50)

West Lafayette Board of Works members want the city to put pressure on a contractor to complete a delayed lift station project. The Northside Regional Lift Station is now two months behind schedule.

2-11-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

Three million dollars will be used in Tippecanoe County to improve roads, bridges, and drainage systems. News 18's Holly Campbell reports how one of the projects will open up more than 1,000 acres for development.

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

Part of US 421 remains closed in White County after a massive water main break in Reynolds.

2-13-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

It's official. The West Lafayette annexation is effective today. News 18's Brittany Tyner has more on what this means for the city of West Lafayette.

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

The Clinton County Council cut more than half a million dollars from its general budget this week. But council members say about \$200,000 less than planned. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports the sheriff's office is taking one of the biggest hits.

2-18-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)

A new city brings new taxes. And for several hundred new West Lafayette residents they will start paying city taxes next year. News 18's Kelly Roberts reports on what the rates could be and what the city plans to do with the money.

2-19-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)

Sagamore Parkway between Tippecanoe Mall and Wabash National is down to one lane in some parts

due to potholes.

2-19-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)

A new development bringing more than 50 bedrooms and five thousand feet of commercial space gets a positive recommendation from the Area Planning Commission. The proposed seven million dollar development would be at the corner of North Street and Northwestern Avenue, where a Bar Barry Liquor Store currently stands.

2-20-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)

It's going to cost more than \$700,000 extra to upgrade the John T. Myers Pedestrian bridge. The latest estimate means it will be 25 percent more than originally estimated.

2-21-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :45)

Residents against a new stone quarry in Americus now look to local governments for help. The antiquarry coalition says it will meet with city councils in both Lafayette and West Lafayette, as well as the town council in Battle Ground in March.

2-21-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

Clinton County will pick up the tab for a commissioner's legal fees after he filed an injunction to put a stop to a paving project.

2-26-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)

Potholes and snow removal costs are running many street departments' budgets dry. News 18's Holly Campbell has more on what area street commissioners say about winter weather costs.

2-26-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

A wind farm could be one step closer to coming to Tippecanoe County. Performance Services requested a special exception to replace an existing weather tower with a taller one.

2-28-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

This winter has been rough on the Indiana Department of Transportation and with more snow expected, crews are gearing up once again. So far this winter, INDOT has used more than 387,000 tons of salt state-wide,

3-2-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)

A bridge on State Road 26 will be restricted to one lane. INDOT's consultant, Earth Explorations, will be inspecting the bridge over the South Fork of Wildcat Creek. The inspection is for a future project.

3-3-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Local leaders are looking to competitive railway carriers as they work to improve service with Amtrak. Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski says INDOT has hired RL Banks and Associates to develop a Request for Proposals.

3-4-14 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :40)

The Lafayette Board of Works approved a \$60,000 adjustment to a multi-million dollar project on

South 18th street. This summer, crews will be widening the road near County Road 430 South to County Road 350 South.

3-4-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

A five story apartment complex is one step closer to moving into West Lafayette's Chauncey Village. But not all city council members are welcoming the new development. News 18's Brittany Tyner reports, four residents spoke up about the development at tonight's council meeting.

3-7-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)

44 new apartments are being built in Delphi as part of the city's Stellar Community grant. News 18's Holly Campbell reports how the city hopes the new living spaces will bring new life to old buildings.

3-11-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)

The West Lafayette board of works approved the Happy Hollow Road reconstruction plan. City engineer Dave Buck says the road will be completely redone with new utility lines, curbs and gutters.

3-17-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

County officials can now apply for a grant that could bring some relief to homeowners on Barton Beach Road. Tippecanoe County Commissioners gave officials permission to begin the grant application process.

3-17-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)

The work to revamp Loeb Stadium is closer and closer to being complete. But, like the Home Hospital site, because of this winter's wicked weather, the completion date for new locker rooms has been pushed back. Luckily, the renovations will still be done in time for Lafayette Jeff's home baseball opener.

3-18-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:05)

Whether or not some businesses pay taxes on their equipment may be decided by the county the business is in. News 18's Holly Campbell has more on changes to the proposal impacting Hoosier companies.

3-19-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)

Crews along Interstate 65 are working to repair cable barriers. Loose and down cable wires can be seen throughout I-65. Indiana Department of Transportation spokesperson Debbie Calder says it doesn't take long to repair the cables. Drivers can expect to see those repairs within the next few weeks.

3-19-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:50)

For nearly six months, drivers have been using the Hoosier Heartland Highway. But many say the roadway could use more signs. News 18's Holly Campbell has more on the final touches still to come.

3-19-14 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)

Development along the new US 231 corridor could be simpler thanks to a vote by the Area Plan Commission. The APC approved resolutions to declare two areas along the new highway as economic development areas.

3-20-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)

Standing water in a quiet Lafayette neighborhood has residents fed up. News 18's Brittany Tyner reports, city officials say a plan is in place to fix the problem, but residents say they want more.

3-27-14 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)

Redevelopment in downtown Lafayette may be affected by a new law. Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed senate bill 1-18 into law Wednesday. The law will eliminate tax increment finance or TIF districts created before 1994 without debt.

3-27-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)

The White County Boys and Girls Club is quickly growing from the start of the year. Because of the growth, they need volunteers and extra funding. News 18's Amber Hardwick has more on the rewarding experience of being a volunteer.

3-28-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)

The magnetation plant in White County is still under construction. But a rough winter has caused problems for people working on the facility. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports on the progress and how the company is still looking for employees.

3-28-14 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)

The winter has not only damaged some of the roads, but also put a dent in Tippecanoe County's plow budget. News 18's Amber Hardwick has a report on the total costs this winter and how it compares to the average.