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## **AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE**

A new manufacturing business is coming to Lafayette by the end of 2018. Downtown Lafayette is expanding its Riverfront District in the hopes of luring more in more business. A plane crash claims the lives of two mental health physicians leaving their patients without their medical records. We revisit a few local farms to see how the weather patterns this summer have affected their crops and the Presidents comes to the Hoosier state to drop his new tax plan.

**7-6-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 25)**

A Missouri-based family-owned and operated galvanizing business will be opening a new plant here in Lafayette. The construction on the new Crossroads Galvanizing facility will begin this month off old County Road 350 South near Veterans Memorial Parkway. That is near Scheid Diesel Services. The hope is for the facility to be up and running by early 2018. Company officials expect fifty to sixty new employees in the first year of operations, with more growth in the future. The total investment in the facility is 18 million dollars. Manager Jason Monnig says he's looking forward to meeting everyone in the community.

**7-10-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 37)**

Patients in Lafayette are wondering how they will receive their daily medications. This is after their two psychiatrists died over the weekend in a plane crash. The crash happened in Ohio on Saturday. Inside the plane was Umamaheswara Kalapatapu and his wife Sitha-Gita Kalapatapu of Logansport. They owned five Raj Clinics across the state including ones in Logansport and Lafayette. Those clinics have been closed until further notice. Those working at the facilities are informing patients what happened to the owners. For now, patients are being asked to go to their primary care doctors for their medications.

**7-11-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 24)**

The Lafayette City Council has approved a rezone that could boost redevelopment just south of downtown. The rezone includes a large area along South 4th Street, extending south of Alabama Street and north of Romig Street. City leaders say it really is a gateway into downtown and developers have shown a lot of interest in the area. Mayor Tony Roswarski says the rezone to Central Business could create many new opportunities. The new expansion of the riverfront district will allow more businesses to serve alcohol without having to pay the high fees associated with liquor licenses.

**7-13-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 1:05)**

Cameron Hardin talked with local farmers about the dry start of the planting season affected their crops. After the dry start to the planting season the clouds moved in and heavy rains flooded many acres of the local farmland. Most fields had inches of water and some fields had as much as three feet of standing water. Hardin talked to local area farmers on what the standing water in their fields meant for their crop yields and what those yields impact their bottom line.

**7-18-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 33)**

The Frankfort Municipal Airport will soon upgrade a master study plan. Officials are hoping to extend the length of a runway with funding they received from the Federal Aviation Administration. The airport was one of six throughout the state to receive funding as part of the Airport Improvement Program. It was awarded a little over 100- thousand dollars. Airport Authority President Alan Dunn says this would help supplement the new hangar and terminal facility they're building. He says this could ultimately have a major impact on the local economy.

**7-21-2017 (During the 5 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 44)**

In the past, those who didn't plan on riding rides could get into Indiana beach for a small fee. This year, everyone must pay full price to get into the gate. General Manager Gary Fawks says it's not unusual for a theme park to require everyone to pay full price to get in. He says there are attractions for everyone and it's just part of the company's business plan. We spoke to a family who have been coming to Indiana Beach for nearly 5 decades. They say the new policy keeps the park safer.

**7-26-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

Purdue researchers are teaching potential challenges and opportunities of growing industrial hemp. This is an event they are hoping to make an annual one called Industrial Hemp Field Day. The event is open to farmers wanting to learn more about the plant. According to Purdue researchers, industrial hemp can only be grown as a research crop. At Purdue, researchers tested plant crops to study how to produce hemp. This includes optimal soil conditions, effective nutrients, and pest and disease management.

**7-28-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

Due to a pending lease agreement, we still aren't able to report the exact location of a methadone clinic coming to Lafayette next summer. The clinic is expected to bring in 300-500 patients per day. Methadone is a pill or liquid form of medication used to block the effects of opioid addiction. It's described as a treatment, not a cure. Mayor Tony Roswarski says you have to be referred by a physician and attend counseling to participate. He says the program is highly regulated by both state and federal government. Although he can't confirm the location, he says it has been studied by the city and he believes it's the best place.

**7-28-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 20)**

An investigation is underway into possible livestock tampering at the 4-H fair. It's been confirmed that there's been an incident here at the fair. There are suspicions that the hogs and possibly some sheep have been drugged or poisoned. A police report has been filed with the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office is helping lead the investigation. As to why the animals were possibly drugged - there are a few theories we've been hearing. First - for performance enhancement. The second reason - is to possibly sabotage one of the hogs so when it goes on to the state fair drugs shows up. At county fairs it isn't required that the animals get drug tested. However - at the state fair it is required. We did speak with Fairboard President Bill Synesacl and he didn't tell us much but what he did say if this is confirmed - he won't tolerate it.

**7-28-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 25)**

Monticello was filled with savory smells and rockin' tunes tonight for the Main Street Tour. The annual event is put on by the Monticello Business Alliance. It's a way to get people to the downtown area and promote local shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Several bands hit the stage including Frankie Rupe's School of Guitar. The school provides guitar lessons for people ages 6 to 75. 47 musicians took the stage to kick off the event.

**7-29-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

The Citizens for Civil Rights group organized today's gathering. It's an effort to raise awareness about how the current health care system will affect people with pre-existing conditions and fixed incomes. Some guest speakers included healthcare professionals and people wanting to share their own experiences. The public was also invited to join in on the conversation. Young Women's Taskforce of Greater Lafayette member Lauren Murfree says she and others won't back down in their fight.

**8-1-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 28)**

People in Montgomery County now have a brand new emergency medical department. Today staff at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville cut the ribbon for the building. The ten-million dollar facility has two state-of-the-art trauma rooms...15 patient rooms and the capacity to serve 100 people a day. A women's health center is open in the new space. It includes mammograms... bone density testing and Ultrasound machines. Director Doctor Andrew Alaimo says the hospital is ready to serve the growing population.

**8-2-2017 (During the 5 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 33)**

Food banks are crucial in the local community. But one thing they struggle with is finding an affordable way to get fresh produce. A new initiative between Purdue and Food finders Food Bank is aiming to help more people in need. Waste Not, Want Not aims to reduce food waste and food insecurity. The goal is to reach a deal with farmers who have a surplus of crops. Instead of tilling over excess crops, and having them go to waste, food banks are hoping to buy fresh and healthy produce at a discounted rate. Kier Crites says it's still early, but so far the response has been tremendous.

**8-6-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

As the efforts to reform healthcare continue in Washington, Democratic Senator Joe Donnelly says he continuing to fight for Indiana's best interest. Donnelly says he's been meeting with his Republican colleagues to work on a new frame work for healthcare. He says it includes working on new legislation to stabilize the insurance market. That's something he says has been threatened by the current administration. Donnelly says one of the set-backs in reform was an effort to take healthcare from more than 400-thousand Hoosiers.

**8-8-2017 (During the morning broadcast, Duration: 34)**

A Carroll County farm family is being recognized at the Indiana State Fair for their commitment to agriculture. Different farms throughout the state are featured each year at the fair. The Scott family was recognized yesterday. The Scotts have been in Carroll County since the 1920s. The family first started growing crops on just 80 acres of land. Four generations later, the farm has grown steadily. It now occupies 22-hundred acres in both Carroll and White counties. As part of the recognition, they were on hand throughout the fairgrounds to answer questions and participate in various exhibits and events.

**8-9-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

TSC is hosting a job fair Thursday at the T-S-C administration building in Lafayette. Many schools are in need of part-time teachers' aides. Aides assist teachers by giving struggling students individual instruction, help special needs students and supervise recess. To be an aide must have at least 60 college credit hours or pass a Indiana Department of Education exam. Battle Ground Middle School principal Jodi Day says job candidates can find a role that suits their strengths.

**8-10-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

A panel of Purdue agriculture experts met today for the annual Indiana crop production report at the state fair. The report has corn production down just seven percent from last year and soybean production up two percent from last year record season. The panel said they were surprised to see crops doing so well after a very rainy planting season. The wet spots in fields from those rains are still causing problems for farmers along with fungi like corn rust and southern rust. Agronomists say production in Tippecanoe County is doing well despite the fact many farmers had to replant.

**8-11-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

Tippecanoe County has had its first day with a needle exchange program. Gateway to Hope Syringe Services ran from 1 to 3:30 today, and will have the same hours each Friday. The program is housed at the Tippecanoe County Health Department on North Sixth Street. As we reported, Mayor Tony Roswarski wanted a location that was in a less residential area. But local Health Department Nursing officials say they could not delay the program any longer. A public health emergency was declared in December and the county's Hepatitis C and HIV numbers will continue to rise without taking action.

**8-15-2017 (During the 5 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 33)**

We now know the date for the grand opening of Indiana's first IKEA store. The City of Fishers announced plans this morning to open the store at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11th. The highly anticipated location is at 116th Street and I-69. Customers can begin lining-up at the store on Monday, October 9th, which is 48 hours in advance of the doors' opening. The store will be nearly three hundred thousand square feet and employ 250 people. Inside you'll find three model home interiors, 50 room settings, a play area for children and a restaurant serving IKEA's famous Swedish specialties.

**8-15-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 2:35)**

Indiana is one of the country's highest agricultural producing states. The Hoosier state exports more than 4 billion dollars in products throughout the world. This week, a handful of family's responsible for all that hard work are being recognized for their commitment to farming. News 18's Kiyerra Lake reports on what award the families received.

### **8-17-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 25)**

A new partnership with Purdue and India-based Tech giant INFOSYS will bring thousands of jobs to Indiana. Purdue will provide training and classes to nearly ten thousand employees of INFOSYS. Two thousand of which will be here in Indiana by 2021. Both parties will conduct joint research and develop course materials in fields such as digitally-based farming, cybersecurity and many others. The five-year agreement went into effect this morning.

### **8-20-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 2:20)**

Major changes are coming to the Delphi Municipal Airport. Airport leaders hope it will lead to a boost in economic growth for the city of Delphi. News 18's Brad Oppenheim tells us more about the plans.

### **8-28-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 25)**

It was a record-breaking year for the Indiana Bacon Festival. Organizers say around 10- thousand people attended this year's event. This was the fourth year for the festival, which is hosted by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. The streets of downtown Delphi were filled with food vendors.. live music.. and plenty of bacon to go around. Some of the activities included a bacon eating contest, a hog-calling contest and a bar-b-que cook off.

### **8-31-2017 (During the 6 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

There's a new beer brewing over at People's Brewing Company in Lafayette. And Boilermaker fans will be excited about this one! Lafayette based People's Brewery partnered with Purdue University to create 'Boiler Gold' American Golden Ale. It has been an idea in the works with Purdue since the brewery opened in 2009. The ingredients in the beer are researched by students in the department of food science. A portion of the proceeds from the beer will directly benefit programs at Purdue. People's co-owner Chris Johnson says this beer is one many people will enjoy.

### **9-6-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 25)**

Purdue University is inviting farmers to attend tomorrow's Field Day event. Ag professors will be on hand to inform growers of new ways to manage crops more efficiently. Classes in insect, disease and weed management help increase yields while decreasing costs. Professor of Weed Science Bill Johnson says spending less to manage a crop creates more profit.

### **9-13-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 53)**

It has certainly been a roller coaster of a year for farmers. Of course everyone remembers the wet and flooded conditions farmers all around the state had to deal with early. That put farmers in a tough position right out of the gate. Farmers had to re-plant, re-apply herbicides and expenses started to rise fast. Purdue Ag expert Chris Hurt says since the wet start, it actually hasn't been too bad. We've dried out nicely over the past month or two, and we have seen much cooler conditions than normal. Hurt does say we could use a little rain down the stretch for both corn and soybeans. But the crop report that came out yesterday shows yields on par with average years.

**9-14-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

A Lafayette restaurant is closing after the Tippecanoe County Health Department has found repeated violations. At a hearing today the health department decided to close Tasty Buffet. It's located on Beck Lane, in the Payless shopping center. The health department says customers had concerns about the temperature of food on the buffet. Over the course of four months and several inspections the restaurant had several violations. They included 51 critical violations and 56 non-critical.

**9-20-2017 (During the 11 broadcast, Duration: 1:40)**

Tippecanoe Emergency Ambulance Service data shows the number of drug overdoses so far this year is already surpassing 2016's numbers. Kayla Sullivan met with TEAS coordinator to learn more about how his new plain will help combat rising overdose numbers.

**9-21-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 23)**

The State Department of Health says the two deaths happened in Delaware and Allen counties. The virus is typically transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. Officials are not releasing the name or address of the man who died in Delaware County. Many neighbors there are calling the local health department wanting to know why.

**9-26-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 1:15)**

An animal rights group is investigating deaths of research animals at Purdue University. The group is urging a maximum penalty of \$10,000 per infraction per animal. According to the group's press release... the complaint calls for citations for failure to follow approved protocol. The group claims that a pig died during a surgery and 15 hamsters died unexpectedly. A Purdue spokesperson released a statement to the public saying that the university acknowledges the incident and that it wouldn't happen again moving forward.

**9-27-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 1:10)**

Trump was in Indy this week announcing his new tax plan, but one local business owner is suspicious. He's heard politicians talk about simplifying the tax code before. Dolfini hopes these promises make it through congress. Especially the ones expected to shrink the current seven tax brackets to three and limiting the tax rate for small businesses to 25 percent. The plan also reduces the corporate tax rate to 20 percent. President Trump hopes Senator Joe Donnelly was listening. He's targeting him for his bipartisan voting history. If he doesn't side with the plan, Republicans trying to take his seat next year may use it against him. One of those being Congressman Luke Messer. But he says he isn't rooting on Donnelly to vote no on this for political gain.

**9-28-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 40)**

Roger's Group submitted revised plans for the site a few months ago. APC Assistant Director Ryan O'Gara says the process includes the A-P-C scrutinizing those plans, checking for completeness. After reviewing the final site plan, some components came up missing. They include an unclear lighting plan, unclear hours of operations and disposal of digging materials. Before things can move forward, the company will have to fix these problems.



**9-29-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 25)**

Next week is the 18th Annual Senior Expo at the Tippecanoe Fairgrounds in Lafayette. Over 50 vendors will pack the Swine Barn to answer questions and help register for services in a variety of fields to help seniors. The event is open to the public and people of all ages are welcome to come. Attendees will have the chance to walk through the brain and get health screenings and flu-shots. It's Wednesday from nine A-M to two P-M at the Home Economics building.

**9-29-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 25)**

An Eli Lilly drug that treats a common type of breast cancer has been approved by U-S regulators. The drug is called Verzenio and it's to be used by women and men with breast cancer that has worsened after hormone therapy. The FDA says about 72 percent of patients with breast cancer have this type. The drug will cost nearly 11-thousand dollars per month but Eli Lilly is offering patients some financial assistance. It will be available later this month.

**9-29-2017 (During the 10 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 24)**

The Lafayette Redevelopment Commission approved the tax break today. S-I-A is building a brand new Subaru vehicle called the Ascent. It's a large S-U-V which seats up to nine people. The company just started making the Impreza in Lafayette. A manager says the partnership with the city makes it easy to create jobs.

## **Crime**

The Lafayette community is shocked by a not-guilty verdict of a murder suspect from last October. A police sketch artist gives the nation a better glimpse of what the Delphi double homicide suspect might look like. We get a better understanding of how Wal-Mart is trying to help rehabilitate shoplifters and the Carroll County Sheriff's office gets a solid tip in murder case of Abby Williams and Libby Patty and then gets hit with a scandal when a deputy solicits sex and gets put on administrative leave.

**7-7-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 39)**

We first brought you these images live on News 18 at 11 last night. The fire was first noticed around 10-30 p-m and was put out within an hour. Investigators say it started in the attic area of a shelter house. Now that they believe the fire was intentionally set, they're asking the public for information. If you know anything you're asked to contact the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office, or the anonymous We Tip Hotline at 1- 800- 78- Crime.

**7-7-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

The Tippecanoe Sheriff's office released these surveillance photos today and is asking for more information on the two men pictured. The robbery happened around 1-45 this morning at the Admiral gas station on Sagamore Parkway. Detectives say a handgun was displayed. The two men took off with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured. If you have any information about the men, call the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office or the anonymous WeTip Hotline at 800-78-CRIME.

**7-14-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 48)**

It took the jury about nine hours to reach a "not guilty" verdict for Darius Printup. He was accused of fatally shooting 52-year-old Kristi Redmon on her front porch last October. Prosecutors said Printup shot Redmon because he thought she had information about people who stole drugs from him. News 18 was in the courtroom as the verdict was read. It was very emotional with several jurors crying. After the verdict was read, each juror had to confirm their vote one by one.

**7-17-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 33)**

Today prosecutors charged 20-year-old Boyaa Manney and 17-year-old Maurice Robinson with armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and theft. The incident happened last Tuesday, in the 1100 block of North 12th Street. Prosecutors say Manney and Robinson called Mad Mushroom for a pizza delivery. When the driver arrived, they displayed a weapon and demanded money and a pizza. Police tracked down Manney and Robinson at an apartment on the corner of Union and 9th streets.

**7-18-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 40)**

Five months ago the bodies of Libby and her friend Abby Williams were found near the Delphi historic trail. And yesterday, Indiana State Police released this composite sketch. Investigators believe this is the main suspect in the murder investigation. This picture brings more hope to Liberty's grandparents, Mike and Becky Patty. They say they're amazed by the clarity of the sketch. It's also helping investigators, who have received nearly 1,000 new tips since yesterday.

**7-19-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 50)**

Homeowners near the Highland Park neighborhood are asking for your help to track down the thieves behind several break-ins. On Friday July 14th, one neighbor who lives in the Highland Park area caught two people breaking into his home and his boat. This is in the 400 block of Bomberding Ave.

**7-20-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 45)**

This afternoon, Smith was sentenced to two years in prison and two years on supervised probation. Prosecutors originally said Smith stole more than 320-thousand dollars, but the State Board of Accounts found she stole 299 thousand. Smith says she stole that money nearly every day over a period of 10 years. She says she did it out of "desperation" and claims she used the money to pay bills for everyday living and to fund her ex-husband's projects. She told the court the hardest part was breaking the trust of her boss County Clerk Christa Coffey.

**7-21-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 38)**

Indiana State Master Trooper Taylor Bryant is utilized frequently by the department to \*draw what someone \*saw. Although Bryant is not the artist who drew the Delphi murderer sketch, he has been used in 61 other cases. It all starts with F-B-I catalogs with thousands of head shapes, nose sizes, and other facial features that a witness may remember. Then, Bryant uses his police and artistic skills to put a face to a suspect. Bryant says it's a joint effort between the witness and himself. He says you catch a criminal by working as a team.

**7-26-2017 (During the morning broadcast, Duration: 40)**

Police told me the original call they got was for a robbery off Union and 6th Street under the Harrison Bridge. But when they got there, they found the case to be battery. Police say three people were involved. One person ran to the Village Pantry and called for help. Police say this person is fine and was not arrested. The other two people were arrested but their charges haven't been released yet. This case is still under investigation.

**7-27-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

A judge sentenced 18-year old Keywan Moten to six years in the Department of Corrections, one year in Tippecanoe County Corrections and one year on probation. Moten pleaded guilty to robbery last month. Prosecutors say he robbed the Village Pantry on South Ninth Street on December 11th. The next day, a pedestrian reported being robbed on North

**7-27-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 42)**

Walmart says it's a way to free up law enforcement while also giving people a chance to change their ways. In 2015 58- percent of all shoplifting calls in Lafayette came out of the two Walmarts in the city. The Walmart in West Lafayette has seen 41 shoplifting cases so far this year. Lafayette Police Chief Patrick Flannelly says he appreciates Walmart's efforts to help but feels this forgiveness program may send the wrong message. Police are always encouraging people to call police when a crime occurs.

**8-4-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 36)**

62-year old David Hicks was charged in 2016 with murder and two counts of arson. Yesterday, he pleaded guilty to felony arson. The fire happened on New Year's Day 2016 at a home on High Street in Logansport. 57-year-old Michele Jones died from her injuries the next day. Cass County prosecutors say as part of the plea, charges of murder and arson will be dropped if the judge accepts the agreement at Hicks' sentencing.

**8-10-2017 (During the morning broadcast, Duration: 60)**

Police are now calling this investigation a double homicide. It happened on Eastwich Drive around 9:30 last night. That's on the east side of Lafayette near Munger Park. Police have named a person of interest. Take a look at your screen. Police are looking for 52-year-old Franco Navarrete. They believe he is possibly armed and dangerous at this time and may be driving a white 2007 Nissan Sentra. At this time, police say they are waiting to release the names of the victims.

**8-14-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 2:45)**

Detectives are opening up about how they're tracking down evidence in the case. They say with the six month mark of Abby Williams and Libby German's death, they continue to be motivated in finding the killer even sifting through more 24-thousand tips and leads.

**8-16-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 1:10)**

Richard says Elliott never deleted the recording off his phone. Patrick first told police his wife came at him with a knife, so he shot her. Prosecutors say a forensic examination was then conducted on Patrick's cell phone. Court documents say there is a recording of Donita asking Patrick for help after being shot, but he refused and said he would help her after watching her die. Investigators spoke with Patrick again and confronted him with the recording. Prosecutors say that's when he admitted his earlier statements were untrue and admitted that he planted the knife. Cody Mulvey says he was shocked to hear that the cellphone belonged to Patrick Elliott, but says he feels it was karma.

**8-16-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 2:05)**

The family of the two people shot and killed in Lafayette last week is speaking out about the alleged killer. We now know the man arrested in connection to the shootings was the brother and son in law of the victims. His family is left with so many questions. Court documents tell us Franco Navarrete recently purchased a handgun. He was working for Wabash National under a false name. ICE and Tippecanoe County Prosecutors are still investigating his case

**8-18-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 1:14)**

Sierra faces 10 felonies. Those include two counts each of reckless homicide, causing death while operating a motor vehicle with a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance in the blood and causing death while operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The Sheriff's Office says Sierra lost control on County Road 300 North on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The vehicle went through a ditch and a field before hitting the home. Haleigh and Callie Fullerton were killed on impact. Sierra's attorney Steven Knecht says he will file an appeal to get the case moved back to juvenile court. He says he feels it's the best way for Sierra to get the help she needs.

**8-20-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

The Lafayette Police Department is hosting a citizen's academy this fall. The educational program shows people what police do on the streets and behind the scenes. They get to learn about a variety of things, including crime scene investigations, field tactics and the K-9 unit. People will also get to ride along with an officer to see the daily challenges they face. Lieutenant Scott Galloway says the classes give a better understanding of police work.

**8-24-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 40)**

The investigation for the crime has been going on for nine months. To help bring in more tips and leads... ISP has released this poster. Up until this point, there hasn't been a reward poster for the Flora fire. The poster has the tip line number and the reward value - 5-thousand dollars. First Sgt. Jerry Holeman says its first appearance was at the Indiana State Fair... the posters will be showing up in local places, businesses and restaurants. Holeman says the Delphi double homicide poster has been updated with the composite sketch of the suspect. Police are hoping more eyes on these posters lead them to suspects.

**8-30-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 33)**

Last August, 20-year-old Justin Babbs, 23-year-old Ricky Thomas and 39-year-old Kimberly Spears were stabbed to death inside a home in Sumava Resorts. Sebastian Wedding and Derrick Cardosi are charged for their murders. According to court documents, witnesses and digital evidence led to their arrests. They have yet to see a jury but the prosecutor has extended guilty plea offers to both of them. Justin Babbs' mother, Terri Babbs never misses a court hearing. She wants to see justice for her son.

**8-31-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

In Tippecanoe County, the number of Domestic Violence cases increases each year. Training was held for mid-north Indiana for handling these cases. Those in attendance included prosecutors and victim advocates. The goal is to share new and useful techniques to make communities more aware of the problem. Attendees learn how domestic violence occurs and how to better prepare their case for the courtroom.

**9-4-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 35)**

Police say the men involved were last seen going south in the alley to the west of South Fourth Street. Two men were each stabbed at least once in the torso. One of the men was airlifted to a hospital for further treatment. Police haven't released names of any suspects. But they do believe at least four people were involved.

**9-8-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 30)**

Police were called to the 15-hundred block of North 12th Street around 8 p-m. The victim was taken to a local hospital with a stab wound to the chest. Police say the injury didn't appear to be life-threatening. Officers told us 59-year-old Janet Hopkins was arrested. She has not been booked yet so we do not have her mugshot at this time. Police say she will likely face charges for battery with a deadly weapon.

**9-11-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 1:07)**

57-year-old Keith Smith told everybody he was sorry after he was formally charged with murder last year. But despite his public apology, he pleaded not guilty. Prosecutors believe Smith shot and killed his wife Lisa Smith in their home on March 26th of last year. Court documents say Smith and his wife had an argument. Smith references a suicide pact. He told police he then got his gun to demonstrate how to use it when he pulled the trigger and shot her. He claims he meant to point it at himself. That was the same gun he carried as Colfax Deputy Town Marshal before he was fired for a rule violation.

**9-13-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 31)**

59-year-old Janet Hopkins of Lafayette faces five counts, including battery by means of a deadly weapon and criminal recklessness. The incident happened last Thursday at a home in the 15-hundred block of North 12th Street. Prosecutors say Hopkins stabbed the victim one time in the chest. According to court documents, Hopkins ran from the home after the stabbing. She was later tracked down and arrested. The victim was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

**9-18-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 1:14)**

In 2010, Chin was sentenced to 10 years in prison for a stabbing in Lafayette. He was also the subject of a fugitive search in March of 2016. We talked to one of his friends who lives on Remington Drive who says Chin was a nice guy who was getting his life together. He doesn't believe Chin's criminal past had anything to do with his death. He really hopes police find the person or people responsible.

**9-22-2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration: 55)**

23-year-old Makenzie Shultz was accused of lying her 8-month-old daughter in a closet, putting several layers of clothing on the baby's face and leaving her there for 16 hours. News 18 was in the courtroom as the verdict was read last night. It took the jury only 3 hours to make a decision. Shultz was found guilty on 7 counts including neglect of a dependent resulting in death and failure to report a dead body. Autopsy results showed the baby's cause of death was asphyxiation. The state claimed Shultz's daughter was crying and because Shultz didn't have any help in the house, she put her in the closet and put clothing over her face - so she could get a break

**9-27-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

Police have arrested Richard Zollars. He now faces charges of burglary and theft. Zollars was first identified as a suspect when he went to Four Guns in Lafayette, to buy ammo specific to one of the stolen antique handguns. People at Four Guns found that suspicious and called police. After Zollars was in custody, police asked the owners of RamZ's to identify him. They said he was no stranger.

**9-28-2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

Police say they found the victim after responding to a domestic disturbance on South 24th Street. They say she had an 8-inch cut on her neck and another large cut on her back. Police say Baker also had cuts, but investigators say he did it to himself to convince police someone broke in. His sentencing is set for Friday.

**9-29-2017 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration: 1:03)**

Sheriff Tobe Leazenby tells me that ISP investigators are in El Paso County, Colorado to question Nations. He says the El Paso County Sheriff's Office has been sharing similarities in cases there to the Delphi double homicide. Abby Williams and Libby German were murdered back in February near the Monon High Bridge Trail. Nations was arrested for allegedly threatening people with a hatchet on a trail in El Paso County, Colorado. He's also being investigated for the murder of a bicyclist who was shot near the same trail. Police in Colorado say he was arrested there driving a vehicle with expired \*Indiana\* plates

**9-30-2017 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration: 30)**

Deputy Jason Dunning was charged Friday with making an unlawful proposition. Leazenby told News 18, it reportedly happened at the end of August. He wants to stress that Dunning was off-duty at the time. Dunning is now on administrative leave. The case has been given to a special prosecutor. News 18 will continue to follow this as it develops.



## DIVERSITY

### **7/1/2017 (During the six O'clock broadcast, Duration :40) Latinos and Economic Growth**

Latinos are becoming an increasingly critical engine for America's economic growth, according to a new report. In 2015, the 55 million Latinos living and working in the u-s were responsible for 11-point-8-percent of America's gross domestic product. That's the finding of the Latino donors collaborative, a nonpartisan association of Latino business, political and academic leaders. By 2020, the researchers estimate that Latinos will fuel nearly a quarter of all u-s g-d-p growth The researchers based their findings on data from the census bureau, department of commerce, bureau of labor, world bank, and the university of Minnesota.

### **7/9/2017 (During the five O'clock broadcast, Duration :26) Diversity Picnic**

It was all about celebrating diversity during a picnic in West Lafayette today. Greater Lafayette Immigrant Allies hosted the event at Happy Hollow park. The Islamic society of Greater Lafayette was also in attendance. There was food, music and plenty of time to meet new people. The special guests were 25 engineering scholars visiting Purdue for six weeks. They are a part of the Mandela Washington Fellowship at the university.

### **7/26/2017 (During the five O'clock broadcast, Duration :30) Trump/Military Transgender**

Downtown Lafayette restaurant owner Sarah Reinert is disheartened by the President's decision. In a previous story, one of Reinert's transgender customers, Skye Brown, told us Java Roaster was very accepting of transgenders. Java Roaster has one bathroom for everyone and a wall of inclusive, inspirational quotes. Reinert feels not letting transgenders into the military will move this country in the wrong direction. She says it's sad because we've worked so hard to get to this place and now it feels like we are moving backwards.

### **7/26/2017 (During the five O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:47) Transgender Military**

President Trump announced his administration is barring transgender people from serving in the military. Transgender service members have been able to serve openly in the military since last year. Mola Lenghi reports from Washington.

### **8/12/2017 (During the 11 O'clock broadcast, Duration :51) IBLC Town Hall Meetings**

The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus is holding a series of town hall meeting across the state. Today, the group made their sixth stop in Lafayette. The caucus decided to start hosting the town hall meetings last year. The meetings give Hoosiers a chance to voice their ideas for the 20-18 legislative session. One

member says it has been effective being and to listen and bring the state house to the people. I-B-L-C goes over the highs and lows of the 20-17 session.

#### **8/14/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :52) Poverty Simulation**

Teachers at three Tippecanoe School Corporation schools had the chance to role play as families in poverty today. T-S-C partnered with the United Way for a poverty simulation at Wainwright Middle School. Participants were given identities ranging from children to senior citizens and were tasked with trying to survive for a month. In the simulation they went to work, school and ran errands while some people were robbed. Wainwright principal Neal McCutcheon says participants can do everything from get a scholarship to get arrested.

#### **8/18/2017 (During the 5 O'clock Broadcast, Duration :35) IN Hate Crime Law**

Supporters of establishing a hate crimes law hope last weekend's violence in Virginia will force Indiana lawmakers to take action. The Anti-Defamation League says Indiana is one of just five states without laws against crimes motivated by biases, including race, gender, religion and sexual orientation. Bills establishing such a law have repeatedly failed in Indiana's Legislature. Democratic Senator Lonnie Randolph says it's abundantly clear that the state needs those protections. Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma also says it might be time to make it clear that judges can consider such factors in sentencing.

#### **8/27/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :41) Facebook Diverse Emojis**

Facebook is making its family emojis more diverse. Here are just some of the 125 new family emoji options Facebook released in recent months. The emoji's skin tones range from light to dark. Previously, all of them were yellow. However, the update does not offer an option for multicultural families. Critics are disappointed that all family members in a single emoji must have the same skin tone. Facebook says it introduced the updated emojis back in April ... but they started gaining attention thanks to a post this week by the reference site "emoji-pedia". Right now, the new emojis are only available for desktop. It's unclear if or when they'll appear for desktop users.

#### **9/5/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :35) DACA Decision**

Today the Trump administration announced plans to end a 2012 program enacted by then-President Barack Obama. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - or DACA - has deferred deportations for more than 780-thousand people who came to the U.S. illegally as children. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the decision today. He says the administration will phase out work permits for DACA recipients. Sessions says DACA denied jobs to Americans by allowing illegal aliens to take those jobs. House speaker Paul Ryan says he hopes congress comes to an agreement for a permanent legislative solution for the DACA recipients.

### **9/5/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :41) DACA Reaction**

President Donald Trump's administration announced the end of the DACA program today. DACA - or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - has allowed many undocumented immigrants to stay in the U.S... if they arrived as children. And tonight, the Greater Lafayette community is reacting. News 18's Brad Oppenheim caught up with some students and staff on Purdue University's campus today.

### **9/5/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :41) Germanfest Preview**

Break out your lederhosen, this weekend is the 12th annual Germanfest at Saint Boniface. Last year more than 10 thousand people attended the German themed festival. There will be games, live music, rides for the children and a 10 thousand dollar raffle. Booths will also be set up with authentic German food, beer and wine. Father Tim Alkire says the festival is not only a celebration of German culture, but other immigrant cultures as well.

### **9/10/2017 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :34) Germanfest**

The 12th annual Germanfest in Lafayette wrapped up just minutes ago. Thousands of people around the community pack the streets around St. Boniface Church. Authentic German music and food, games and rides are all available for the family to enjoy. The event allows the community to celebrate the heritage of the Church and raise money.

### **9/15/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :45) Naturalization Ceremony**

103 people from 24 different countries... can now say they are U-S citizens. It's all thanks to a naturalization ceremony that took place at the White Horse Christian Center in West Lafayette. The new citizens were sworn in by a federal judge this afternoon. They were welcomed to the Greater Lafayette Area by West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis and Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski. Somdatta Dattaroy is one of the new citizens. She said with immigration being a big topic in the news this week, she is trying to take everything in stride.

### **9/15/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:42) Welcoming America Week**

The Greater Lafayette community is sending the message that everyone is welcome here. It's all a part of Welcoming America Week. News 18's Alexis Moberger reports how city officials and neighbors are coming together to do what they can to help immigrants in our area. "We were very lucky that OUTfest, Global Fest and the Tippecanoe Latino Festival all signed on as welcoming week activities. And then we have three of our own things coming up later in the week."

**9/16/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:04) Global Fest**

Happening now in West Lafayette is the 22nd annual Global Fest. News 18's Kiyerra Lake is live with what you can expect at this year's event. Global Fest has taken over the streets here around the West Lafayette Public Library. And you have now until 10 o'clock tonight to join in the festivities. There live music, international food and activities are lining the streets. This is the time to celebrate the diversity in West Lafayette. 38 vendors here today are sharing what they love most about their cultures. Today's event is free and open for the public to enjoy.

**9/16/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :45) OUTFest**

Pride Lafayette's annual festival is currently taking over Downtown Lafayette. The goal of OUTFest is to increase public awareness of the L-G-B-T-A community in the city. For 10 years, the festival brings attention to L-G-B-T-A issues, provide resources, and celebrates diversity. More than 30 vendors cover the streets around 5th and Main Street. There is also live entertainment, food and activities for the entire family to enjoy.

**9/17/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :46) Latino Festival**

The Tippecanoe Latino Festival drew out a large crowd at the county fairgrounds. A variety of food, live music and community information booths were among some of the activities. This year there were more than 80 sponsors. Jacqueline Romero says in the festival's 20 year history, this is the largest it has ever been. Last year, more than 35-hundred people came out. The goal was to have 5 to 7-thousand people this year. Romero says the festival allows people to come and immerse themselves in the Latino culture.

**9/20/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:01) DACA Renewal Workshops**

Lafayette Urban Ministry is teaming up with Greater Lafayette Immigrant Allies. The organizations are having several DACA renewal workshops. DACA has allowed undocumented immigrants to live in America if they arrived as children. Earlier this month, the Trump administration announced the program would be ending. There will be four workshops held throughout Greater Lafayette for those affected. DACA recipients whose expiration dates fall between September 5th and March 5th 20-18 are eligible to apply for renewal. Renewal requests must be received by Thursday, October 5th along with the 495 dollar application fee.

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**7/8/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:02) LPD RAD Kids Camp**

The Lafayette Police Department will offer a program to help prepare your children if they run into problems with bullies or strangers. The week long Kids RAD class is broken down into two age groups.

Ages 5 to 7 and 8 to 12. The program teaches basic safety and self-defense skills. Topics covered include fire safety, school bus safety and what to do if they are being bullied. Instructors say the program gives young children an opportunity to become more empowered and confident much like the adult RAD classes.

#### **7/9/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05) Tools for School Preview**

With the start of school just around a month away, one organization is continuing its fight to make sure no child goes back to school without the necessities. Donation collection for the Salvation Army's annual Tools for School begins tomorrow. Over the years, Tools for School has collected thousands of items to help thousands of kids get the needed tools for a successful school year. Some of the needed items include backpacks, pencils and paper. Salvation Army Lieutenant Steven Dahl says these supplies will help the kids build a stronger foundation for the future.

#### **7/12/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:29) Purdue Fundraising**

Donations were received by students who attend school here at Purdue, faculty, and alumni. \$351 point 9 million dollars was collected during 2016 through 2017. This is a 6 percent increase from the previous year. Donors were able to break three other records held at the University. One, more than 85-thousand people donated, a 3 point 5 percent increase from last year. The second, 75.4 million dollars was raised for student support, a five-million-dollar increase. The last record broken happened during this year's Purdue Day of Giving. 282 million dollars was raised with a recording break number of participants. There are multiple uses for the money including facilities, programs and student scholarships.

#### **7/14/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:04) LSC Grant**

The Lafayette School Corporation is one of six winners of a state-wide grant program focused on strengthening ties between education and the workforce. The Education Workforce Innovation Network awards the grants, which range from 75- hundred to 15- thousand dollars. L-S-C was named for their close partnerships with advanced manufacturing businesses and economic development agencies in the area. The grant recognized the district's "innovative models" for including advanced manufacturing in their curriculum.

#### **7/16/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :45) EXCITE! Camp Orientation**

Purdue University is making sure it does its best at getting students EXCITE-d about going back to school. Today Camp EXCITE! started at Purdue. The camp is a five-day experience that provides high school students with real life experiences to inspire and encourage them to pursue teaching as a career. Those attending the camp get to explore Purdue's campus, participate in hands-on teacher education work as well as many other experiences.

### **7/17/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :30) Tools for School**

The second week of our annual Tools for School collection is underway. Tools for School has collected thousands of items over the years - to help kids get the necessary tools for a successful school year. Some of the needed items this year are backpacks, pencils and paper. Tools for School wraps up this Friday, July 21st. The Salvation Army will then distribute the collected items at the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy on Saturday, July 29 from 9 A-M until noon. We have a list of drop off locations on our website WLFIdot.com.

### **7/18/2017 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :36) Tools for School Interview**

We are in the final week for our annual Tools for School collection. Collections will end Friday. You can drop your supplies off at various locations in the community including the Salvation Army in Lafayette and Tippecanoe County Payless supermarkets. The Salvation Army will distribute the collected items at the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy on Saturday, July 29 from 9 A-M until noon. Some of the much-needed items this year are backpacks, pencils and \*earbuds. Salvation Army Lieutenant Jessica Dahl says this drive is an important part of some children's back-to- school experience.

### **7/20/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :58) Tech/Tools for School**

There's only one day left for this year's Tools for School campaign. Tools for School collects items to help kids get supplies they need for a successful school year. Shelly Bailey is a single mother of two. She says her family would benefit greatly from Tools for School. Bailey just got a new job at Subway and says school supplies are expensive. She has donated supplies in the past when she could afford it. But this year she says she will struggle buying them for her own kids.

### **7/20/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00) Tools for School**

Tomorrow is the last day to donate to WLFi's Tools for School. It's an opportunity to help parents who struggle to afford school supplies for their kids. We talked to a single mother and her two kids about why they would greatly benefit from the program.

### **7/24/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:18) PU-Active Learning Center**

The Wilmeth Active Learning Center is just feet away from the bell tower. If you happen to make it around the construction on Campus, you may come across this building. Here, professors will teach active and collaborative learning. Library spaces are spread out through the four story building. And when class is over, the rooms can be used as study spaces. Classrooms are designed to fit a group of 50 to more than 300 students. So far, 250 professors have modified their courses for active learning. This gives students an opportunity to learn from their peers.

### **7/26/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :41) PU Industrial Hemp Day**

Purdue researchers are teaching potential challenges and opportunities of growing industrial hemp. This is an event they are hoping to make an annual one called Industrial Hemp Field Day. The event is open to farmers wanting to learn more about the plant. According to Purdue researchers, industrial hemp can only be grown as a research crop. At Purdue, researchers tested plant crops to study how to produce hemp. This includes optimal soil conditions, effective nutrients, and pest and disease management.

### **7/29/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00) Tools for School Distribution**

Hundreds of children got the tools they needed to start their school year off with success. This morning was the annual Tools for School distribution. For two weeks, sponsors throughout the community, including WLFI, collected the supplies. The distribution of free school supplies was held at the at the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy. This year the Salvation Army distributed more than 10-thousand items to families from Tippecanoe and Benton counties. Everything from pens and pencils to clothing were handed out. Lieutenant Jes Dahl says the event has been going on for more than two decades.

### **7/31/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :50) Purdue Polytechnic**

Today is the first day of classes for students at the new Purdue Polytechnic High School in Indianapolis. About 150 freshman students are attending classes at the school. Purdue president Mitch Daniels was on hand to greet the incoming students. The Polytechnic high school allows Indianapolis Public School students to earn their diploma while being admitted directly to Purdue. It also offers hands-on learning based in STEM education.

### **8/2/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05) TSC Technology**

Tippecanoe School Corporation is trying something new with its third, fourth and fifth grade classrooms this year. Starting this month, each kid in third, fourth and fifth grade will get their own chromebook laptop. They don't get to take them home but they do get to use them throughout the day. In the past, these students would only have access to a handful of laptops in the back of the classroom. TSC Director of Technology Devin Arms says it's going to be useful when it comes time to take online tests such as ISTEP among other things.

### **8/2/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :54) School Technology**

Third, fourth and fifth grade students in Tippecanoe County have some new technology to look forward to this year. Tippecanoe School Corporation is providing chromebook laptops for each kid in third, fourth and fifth grade. They don't get to take them home... but they do get to use them throughout the day. In the past, these students would only have access to a handful of laptops in the back of the classroom. TSC Director of Technology Devin Arms says it's going to be useful when it comes time to take online tests such as ISTEP.

### **8/3/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :55) School Registration**

Tippecanoe School Corporation starts classes on August 16th. Superintendent Scott Hanback reminds parents to register their children. Families new to the district need to go through a walk-in registration. There, they can meet with the principal and staff. The parents of returning children can register their children on the school's website. Hanback says registration takes less than 5 minutes. You can also pay book rental and put money in the student's lunch account. There is no deadline to register, but Hanback says it's best to do it sooner rather than later.

### **8/4/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50) LSC Large 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

Principal Matt Brown says a normal class of fifth graders is around 500 to 550. This year, more than 650 students are expected to start class Tuesday. And Brown says the school is ready to serve each and every one of them.

### **8/4/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:07) Purdue New Animal Hospital**

Purdue University is making a multi-million dollar investment in its college of veterinary medicine. Today the board of trustees approved a plan for a new large animal/equine hospital. The 76-thousand square foot facility will be built east of the current building. It will have an entrance along South Grant Street. The 35-million-dollar investment is designed to equip students with up to date technology. The university's central reserves and gift funds will pay for the new building. Construction is set to begin in September 2018.

### **8/5/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :27) Preview Back to School**

It's back to school time for kids all across the area. Starting Monday - we'll bring you a full week of coverage as you get ready for the new school year. Superintendents from L-S-C, T-S-C, and West Lafayette will discuss pressing issues. We'll talk class sizes, school start times - and what it takes for a teacher to prepare for the year ahead. Plus, what \*new items students and parents need to be aware of for the first day of school. It's all next week on News 18 at Five and Six.

### **8/8/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :31) LSC First Day of School**

Thousands of kids across the area said goodbye to summer - and hello to school today. It was the first day of school at the Lafayette School Corporation. It was the first day for the new bussing system at Tecumseh Junior High and Lafayette Jeff High School. At Jeff, parent drop-offs are the same, but there is a new bus route. Busses are stopping at 22nd Street to drop off and then exit on Teal Road. It was also the first day for students to enjoy the new wing at Sunnyside. The improvements include ten new classrooms and additional lunchroom space



### **8/8/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:01) Back to School Times**

Back to school means getting back to the routine of going to bed early and waking up early. But the Indiana Youth Institute warns parents of something called chronic sleep deprivation. It's the effect of a long summer's worth of sleeping in and irregular nighttime schedules. So what can you do for an easier transition? Experts say parents can help by getting back into a regular routine a week before school starts. It also helps to limit late-night screen time and enforce at least 30 minutes of downtime before bed. Both high schools in the Tippecanoe School Corporation start classes at 7:30 in the morning. That's one of the earliest start times in Indiana. TSC is the state's second largest geographic school district. Superintendent Scott Hanback says the early start times reflect the 437 square miles they serve.

### **8/9/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 2:35) Back to School: Class Sizes**

Studies have shown smaller class sizes can help students excel in school. Here in Tippecanoe County - districts are adapting to overcrowded classrooms, while aiming for a high level of education. News 18's Trevor Peters reports on their efforts.

### **8/9/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :50) TSC Job Fair Preview**

The Tippecanoe School Corporation is hiring people who want to work in the field of education. TSC is hosting a job fair Thursday at the T-S-C administration building in Lafayette. Many schools are in need of part-time teachers' aides. Aides assist teachers by giving struggling students individual instruction, help special needs students and supervise recess. To be an aide must have at least 60 college credit hours or pass an Indiana Department of Education exam. Battle Ground Middle School principal Jodi Day says job candidates can find a role that suits their strengths.

### **8/10/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30) Back to School: Class Distraction**

There are varying opinions on whether or not cell phones should be allowed at school. We talked to area superintendents who are embracing cell phones in the classroom. And as News 18's Trevor Peters found out, some are turning what some see as distraction, into a useful tool.

### **8/10/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55) Back to School: Nutrition**

Sometimes with busy schedules, it's hard to make sure your kids are getting the right nutrition during the school day. As News 18's Demie Johnson reports, it all starts with a conversation with your kids.

### **8/11/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :56) Back to School: Teacher Classroom**

You may remember your elementary teachers or your friends but do you remember what your classrooms looked like? We followed two second grade teachers around at Hershey Elementary as they try to make their classrooms memorable for their kids. They spent the past two weeks setting up each kid's desk, their reading areas and decorating all their bulletin boards. They say the first day is indescribable as the kids get off the bus full of chatter and excitement. Sally Nixon, or just Mrs. Nixon to the kids, is excited for the students to see her classroom and says she enjoys decorating it as much as they enjoy using it!

#### **8/11/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :29) NewU ICHE Approval**

Purdue has gained approval from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education... to move forward with plans for NewU. The commission voted unanimously yesterday to allow Purdue to launch and oversee NewU. It becomes the state's newest public institution. Purdue announced plans for the online college in April, after acquiring Kaplan University. According to Purdue, approval from the commission is part of a three-step process. Now Purdue needs approval from the U.S. Department of Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

#### **8/13/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :23) Purdue BGR Move-In Preview**

It's going to be a busy week in West Lafayette as about 65-hundred new students make their way to Purdue University. Students will move in to residence halls on Monday and Tuesday. Boiler Gold Rush takes place Tuesday through Saturday. During that time, various campus organizations will host programs throughout campus. The first day of fall semester classes is Monday, August. 21st.

#### **8/15/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :31) Ivy Tech Paramedic Program**

Ivy Tech Community College is starting a program they hope will help with a state- wide paramedic shortage. Ivy Tech Lafayette is partnering with Ivy Tech Kokomo's accredited Paramedic Science program. Students can take classes in Lafayette and travel to Kokomo twice a week for hands-on training. Dean of the School of Health Sciences Connie Morgan says Ivy Tech's purpose is educating the workforce across the state.

#### **8/16/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :54) SMS New Principal**

If you think it's hectic for students on the first day of school... imagine what's it's like for the principal. Kyle Spray is the new principal at Southwestern Middle School. Spray comes from Jeff High School where he was assistant principal for five years. He says Southwestern is the perfect fit for him. His wife is a teacher at McCutcheon High School and his kids go to Mintonye Elementary right next door. Spray got over the first-day jitters by introducing himself to students and helping kids with their lockers. He looks forward to starting a new chapter in his career.

**8/16/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :56) Here Comes the Bus**

Missing the bus can really ruin a day. That's why so many students in the Tippecanoe School Corporation have downloaded the Here Comes the Bus Application. It's a real-time school bus tracker that allows families to tell up-to-the-minute, when their bus will arrive. The app will alert you if the bus is running late and even send you reasons why... such as being stopped by a train. And if you have multiple children, no problem. It lets you track several kids at a time as long as you have their ID number. TSC mom Cindy Maynard uses it for her three children.

**8/17/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :45) WL Best School District**

West Lafayette schools are being recognized as the best school district in the state. It's the second time a housing website has put the district at the top of the list. News 18's Brittany Tyner is live to tell us who administrators are crediting with the accomplishment.

**8/17/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :53) Purdue Announcement**

A new partnership with Purdue and India-based Tech giant INFOSYS will bring thousands of jobs to Indiana. Purdue will provide training and classes to nearly ten thousand employees of INFOSYS. Two thousand of which will be here in Indiana by 2021. Both parties will conduct joint research and develop course materials in fields such as digitally-based farming, cybersecurity and many others. INFOSYS and Purdue believe this is a win-win for everyone involved. The five-year agreement went into effect this morning.

**8/18/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :40) PMO Camp Tecumseh**

The Purdue Musical Organizations is finishing its week of summer camp. The Varsity Glee Club and the Purduettes Choir gather at Camp Tecumseh each year to prepare for the upcoming season. More than 100 students spent four days at the camp near Brookston. It's a chance for members to work on new music and welcome first-year members. Today, the groups put on a show for family and friends. Glee Club member Ed O'Neil says the camp is important for team building.

**8/18/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:48) Eclipse Education**

As anticipation builds across the country for Monday's historic solar eclipse, science educators say they're seeing a surge of young people excited to learn about space exploration. And as Chris Martinez reports, kids aren't the only ones growing curious about the final frontier.

**8/18/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05) Purdue/TSC Eclipse**

We're just 3 days away from the complete solar eclipse, and a lot of people are scrambling to find glasses. But if you have a 6th grader in one local school district - you're in luck. News 18's Trevor Peters explains how a club at Purdue provided eclipse glasses to 5,000 school kids across the state.

#### **8/19/2017 (During the 11 O'clock broadcast, Duration :50) Move-In Weekend**

Purdue University's campus has been busy with students moving back to town for the fall semester. Earlier this week, incoming freshmen moved for Boiler Gold Rush. And upper classmen, many who live off campus, have been moving in all week. Some students News 18 talked to say campus has been busy with traffic and moving trucks, especially this evening. They say they're looking forward to another year.

#### **8/21/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30) Solar Eclipse – Schools**

The clouds cleared just in time for students at Klondike Middle School to watch the eclipse. The school is one of 19 in the Tippecanoe School Corporation learning about this rare occurrence. Just hours ago this football field was packed with students at Klondike Middle School. The students have been learning about the solar eclipse since they returned to school last Wednesday. And today, they got a chance to see it happen.

#### **8/21/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35) Purdue First Day of School**

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#### **8/24/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :54) Purdue Hyperloop**

A group of Purdue University students is in California vying for the top spot in the Space-X Hyperloop competition. Hyperloop is an experimental form of transportation to let passengers travel in a tube at more than 500 miles per hour. The Purdue team is joining forces with a team from Spain to go up against 23 colleges from around the world. The Purdue team placed seventh in the first Hyperloop competition in January. Now they are putting an improved pod to the test in hopes of reaching speeds of 150 miles per hour. Project manager Aaron Pikus says what the research teams are doing now will spark a transportation revolution.

#### **8/24/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :50) New Intermediate School**

Drivers in West Lafayette will notice significant progress on a new school for the district. It's located at the old Burtfield Gym site at the intersection of Salisbury Street and Lindberg Road. It's an

intermediate school that will be home to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Improvements are also coming to Cumberland Elementary and the junior- senior high school. As we've reported, Happy Hollow will then be an early childhood center Superintendent Rocky Killion says there's good news -- the new school is under budget and on time.

#### **8/25/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45) TSC Bus Woes**

A lack of bus drivers has caused the Tippecanoe School Corporation to consolidate bus stops and end some routes. And it has some parents frustrated. As you can see TSC has plenty of buses there just isn't anybody to drive them. They lost four drivers just this school year - which means they're down four routes. It's been even tougher with this year's enrollment going up by 300 more students.

#### **8/25/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :48) Hands On Transportation**

This next event is perfect FOR THE KIDS. Imagination Station will host the 16th Annual Hands on Transportation tomorrow. There will be dozens of vehicles large and small that the kids can see up close and personal. You can expect everything from a SWAT truck to a helicopter Tickets are just \$5 at the door. Hands on Transportation is from 10 a-m to 2 at Carnahan Hall on Elmwood Avenue.

#### **9/1/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :55) State of Purdue Address**

Purdue President Mitch Daniels addressed the state of the university this afternoon. The outlook seems optimistic. Daniels gave an update on the state of the university at the Columbia Club in downtown Indianapolis. Purdue's record enrollment and tuition rates were items of discussion. Not only is the freshman class the largest in history, Daniels praised the university's fifth year of tuition freezes. Daniels says it's cheaper to go to Purdue now than it was in 20-12. He also praised efforts at Purdue Polytechnic High School in Indianapolis.

#### **9/1/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :51) TSC Kids Rafting**

Some Battle Ground Elementary fifth-grade students got their feet wet to get closer to nature. Students and teachers hopped into rafts at Mascouten Park in West Lafayette and rowed down to Fort Ouiatenon. During the three-hour voyage the kids learned about the river's history, wildlife and soil erosion. Adult volunteers and area environmentalists also made trip. Student Scarlett Isom says the field trip was a great experience.

#### **9/5/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :55) Degree in Three**

Students in the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University will now be able to complete their degrees in three years. President Mitch Daniels and Liberal Arts Dean David Reingold announced the college's new 'Degree in 3' program this morning Degree in three will be an option for liberal arts students starting this

fall. Students in the program can choose any major in the college that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. A Bachelor of Fine Arts will be the only degree that will not have the three-year option due to additional credit requirements. The Dean Reingold says students should be excited about this new option.

#### **9/6/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05) ISTEP Results**

The Indiana Department of Education released Spring 2017 ISTEP scores today. Let's take a look at numbers for several area school corporations. In the Lafayette School Corporation, nearly 48 percent of students passed both Math and English Language Arts. That number is higher for the Tippecanoe School Corporation - coming in at more than 54 percent. West Lafayette Community School Corporation led area districts - with a passing rate of more than 79 percent. In the Benton Community School Corporation, a little more than 53 percent of students passed both. LSC Superintendent Les Huddle says the numbers don't tell the whole story.

#### **9/7/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :50) NICHES/Purdue Students**

Purdue students are getting out of the classroom to explore the natural landscape of Tippecanoe County. For the last few years, NICHES Land Trust and the university's Botany and Plant Pathology Department partner to show how land is preserved. The students learn about native plant species and how wildlife depend on them. They also learn how to manage invasive plants through controlled burns. NICHES Stewardship Manager Bob Easter says preserving land is preserving history.

#### **9/8/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :53) Klondike Gold Star School**

Klondike Middle School was among 104 schools to make the list of 20-17 Gold Star Schools. The Gold Star designation was created by the Indiana Department of Education in 2004. It recognizes schools that meet certain standards when developing a school counseling model. To receive the designation, schools must go through a rigorous process. This includes creating advisory groups and setting student goals. School Counselor Cristina Morales says this is the first time Klondike has received the award.

#### **9/9/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :26) Jeff Band Director**

The Lafayette School Corporation is welcoming a new director of bands this school year. Chris Paulson was assistant band director at Penn High School in Mishawaka before coming to Lafayette. He began at L-S-C back in May, where he started meeting and working with some of his new students. The Fishers native and 2006 Ball State grad says he was looking for a new challenge.

#### **9/12/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55) Purdue Research Center**

The National Science Foundation has chosen Purdue University to operate a new engineering research center. It will be known as the Center for Innovative and Strategic Transformation of Alkane Resources. News 18's Brad Oppenheim explains what researchers will be working on inside.

**9/13/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :56) Go Ivy Day Preview**

Area middle and high school students can tour Ivy Tech Community College on Friday. The college is hosting its Go Ivy Day. This is a chance for teens to see if the school is better fit for them instead of a traditional four-year university. Students can talk directly with teachers and staff and explore the campus. High school seniors also have a chance to win a drawing for a partial scholarship. Director of Student Life Steve Bush says Ivy Tech has something for everyone.

**9/15/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40) Attica Teachers Award**

A pair of Fountain County women will be honored this weekend after dedicating themselves to the community. Kayla, Carolyn Carlson and Lela Bauerband are retired elementary school teachers. For the past four decades, they've made it their mission to teach local kids local history and community service.

**9/19/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :44) Drake Bell at Jeff**

Students at Lafayette Jeff High School got a taste of Hollywood today as they learned about careers in the arts. The group called High School Nation tour is visiting 60 schools around the country to promote careers in the arts. The event featured various booths, shops and live music headlined by former singer Drake Bell. Jeff Principal Mark Preston says Jeff was chosen by High School Nation because of its dedication to the arts.

**9/22/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :48) Wilmeth Center Dedication**

Purdue University is celebrating the dedication of its Wilmeth Active Learning Center. The almost 100-million-dollar center is equipped with 27 active learning classrooms. It also houses the School of Engineering libraries. University leaders say they see it as the new centerpiece in the heart of Purdue University. They hope it will be a place for students to come together and take an active role in the learning process.

**9/23/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration :55) Boilers on Track Dedication**

A new monument was unveiled on campus earlier today. It commemorates the university's new student honor pledge. The Purdue Tracks monument sit between Elliot Hall of Music, Haas Hall and the Psychological Services Building. It includes 40 feet of black granite railroad track, spelling out the honor pledge. The student led leadership group Order of the Iron Key was responsible for the project. On-hand

at today's event was staff, students, alumni--including News 18's very own Trevor Peters. Eren Bozbag hopes Boilermakers will walk across the tracks and remember the values Purdue stands for.

#### **9/23/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :53) Bechtel Center Dedication**

It's called the (beck-TULL) Bechtel Innovation Design Center and it's an 18-point-5-million-dollar project. Design and prototyping studios, open workspaces and labs can be found inside. The facility was designed to help encourage creativity and collaborative learning. It supports students from the College of Engineering and the Purdue Polytechnic Institute. It's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### **9/23/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration :57) PU Medical Hackathon**

More than two thousand college students took part in a medical design hackathon this weekend. That included 90 Boilermakers at Matchbox Cowering Studio in Lafayette. The Design Good Now conference was hosted by Purdue University. In groups, students collaborated on real world challenges for 24 hours. They designed and created adaptive and assistive devices for people with disabilities. Twenty-two products were developed last year across five universities. Thirty universities from around the world participated this year.

#### **9/24/2017 (During the 11 O'clock broadcast, Duration :45) Girls in Aviation**

Purdue students took time this afternoon to inspire future female pilots. Today was the second Girls in Aviation Day at the Purdue University Airport. Around 80 girls participated in aviation related activities during the day camp. The girls learned how to build an airport and took tours inside airplanes. Today's event director says it's awesome seeing how the event grew from last year.

#### **9/26/2017 (During the 5 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:03) HS College Fair Preview**

It's never too early for teenagers to plan for the future. A good place to start is the annual Greater Lafayette Area College Fair. Colleges from across the state are setting up booths tomorrow at Jefferson High School. Middle school kids and up can attend the event to find the options that wait for them after graduation. Questions about admissions, academic programs and application procedures can be answered. Harrison High School Guidance Counselor Paula Green says it's a good idea to have questions prepared when you walk in the door.

#### **9/26/2017 (During the 6 O'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50) TSC Bus Complaints**

Some students in the Tippecanoe School Corporation are waiting up to a half an hour for the bus. It's due to a bus driver shortage we've previously told you about. Parents are concerned but so are TSC officials. They hope the community can help.



## Transportation and Infrastructure

7-3-2017 Ran during 6 pm news (:25 sec.)

The Tippecanoe County Highway Department has new leadership. Stewart Kline took over for the previous Executive Director, Opal Kuhl this week. Commissioners officially announced him as executive director this morning. Kline has been training with Kuhl for the past month. He says it's been a smooth transition due to the very helpful and knowledgeable people in the highway department.

7-5-2017 Ran during 6 pm news (PKG 1:55)

Jeff and Kayla it's been a frustrating summer for everyone who uses state street from River Road to University Street. But with the campus about to be filled with 20-30 thousand more students in a month, missing the deadline isn't an option. That crosswalk will be going right behind me by the Greyhouse coffee shop which will certainly make it easier for people walking from one store to the other.

7-5-2017 Ran during 6 pm news (:40 sec.)

More construction is coming to Lafayette, and it's happening at one of the city's busiest intersections. The intersection of Sagamore Parkway and South Street will be closed beginning July 17th. On Sagamore, the closure will stretch from Union Street to McCarty Lane. The area will undergo a full-depth pavement reconstruction as well as storm sewer installation. The intersection is scheduled to reopen by August 14th. Sagamore Parkway has been under construction since the summer of 2014 as a part of the 'Restore Sagamore' project. Steve Sink, General Manager of Mark Dimmich's Cars to Go, says the construction is something all the businesses have been working through since the start.

7-6-2017 Ran During 6 pm news (:30 sec)

Traffic was backed up for several miles earlier today when a garbage truck got tangled in the guardrails on I-65 in Newton County. It happened around 5-30 this morning in a construction zone, just south of the Kankakee River. A semi was taking trash from Chicago to a landfill in Monticello. For unknown reasons, the driver ran off the roadway and struck a guardrail. That caused the semi's tires to become lodged under the guardrail. The driver was not injured. The right lane was closed for nearly an hour and half.

7-6-2017 Ran during 5 pm news (:25 Sec)

Lafayette city leaders are hoping an upcoming vote by the city council will help redevelop an area south of downtown. As News 18 has reported.. the Area Plan Commission already signed off on a rezone for a large area along South 4th Street. It includes the area south of Alabama Street and north of Romig Street. Historically, it was a commercial corridor leading into downtown. Economic Development Director Dennis Carson says there's a lot of interest to invest in the area.

7-7-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:30 sec)

Starting Saturday, there will be no more traffic signal at the intersection of State and Grant streets in West Lafayette. Instead, the intersection will use a stop sign, until that part of the work ends in late July. The change is a part of ongoing construction with the State Street project.

7-7-2017 Ran during the 5pm news (:47 sec)

River levels have made unsafe conditions and halted work under the bridge since the start of spring construction season. That's about three months so far. INDOT Project manager Travis Kohl says rain has kept the water about six feet above the construction

causeway crews use to get to the river. He says excess water from nearby dams has also contributed to the problem. But Kohl says it has not changed the project's timeline. Kohl says a mild winter allowed crews to get more work done. He says the delay was expected because of years of planning and analyzing weather trends.

7-10-2017 Ran During the 5 pm news (1:01)

Tippecanoe County is limited on giving out regular 3-way liquor licenses. But a state statute allows them to give out special 3-way liquor licenses to downtown restaurants located in what's known as a Riverfront Development District. And tonight, we'll find out if that district will be expanded. The city first designated one of those districts about 10 years ago in the heart of downtown. Right now, it includes much of the South and Main Street corridors. As a way to draw in more restaurants, city leaders are looking to expand the district in 3 areas. Economic Development Director Dennis Carson says nearly 30 restaurants have taken advantage of the special license.

7-10-2017 Ran During the Morning Show (:30 sec.)

On or after today, State Street between U.S. 231 and McCormick Road will only be open to westbound traffic. In the heart of Purdue's campus, North University Street will become a two-way between State Street and Stadium Avenue. And soon pedestrians traffic will be adjusted in Chauncey Village. Two new crossings will be available at Pierce and Grant Streets. Sophomore Cameron Curry says the construction is a hassle, but it'll all be worth it.

7-12-2017 Ran during the Noon news (:25 sec.)

Cass, Carroll and Howard counties remain under a travel advisory this afternoon because of the high water. And in Galveston, part of a bridge washed away. The Cass County Sheriff's office says high waters washed away part of \*this bridge near County Roads 11- 75 South and 300 East. Deputies are asking drivers to avoid the area until it can be repaired. Neighbors who live in the area say after this week's storms, they weren't surprised to see this happen.

7-12-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:40 sec.)

And a road that's been closed for weeks was causing problems for construction crews earlier today. Gravel from the State Street Project on Chauncey Hill was washed away by the rain. It collected at the intersection of State Street and River Road, leaving construction workers with a mess to clean up. City officials said this isn't unusual or unexpected when we receive a lot of rain. The city makes sure the construction company cleans it up. The intersection never closed, but traffic was moving slowly.

7-13-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:55 sec.)

Legislation was passed this session to fully fund the plan. As News 18 has reported.. starting on July 1.. the gas tax in Indiana increased by 10 cents a gallon. Today, Governor Eric Holcomb and INDOT held a press conference to unveil some of the plans. Here in Tippecanoe County.. 192 miles of road will be resurfaced and 18 bridges will be repaired or replaced. Some of the other projects include new traffic signals and widening certain roads. Governor Holcomb says it's time for these improvements.

7-13-2017 Ran during the Noon news (:30 sec.)

Another big concern is the return of Purdue students. Carpenter says, right now the project is set to be completed by that time, and hopes the deadline is met. But again, the intersection of Sagamore Parkway and South Street will be closed starting Monday morning and lasting until at least August 14th.

7-13-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news

The sink hole opened thursday night. It measured 12 feet by 18 feet wide and five feet deep. It all

happened after a 28-year-old metal storm-water pipe burst because it couldn't withstand the pressure from all the rain. Crews say metal pipes are no longer allowed for storm water so crews are replacing it with concrete.

**7-17-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news (1:01)**

Sagamore Parkway is now closed to through traffic from Union Street to McCarty Lane. Much of Sagamore is still open, but you can't actually cross at the intersection. The street up to the barricades is open, so you can access the businesses. According to Lieutenant Scott Galloway, many drivers have been using parking lots as detours. LPD is asking people to avoid doing this. And if caught - Galloway says they will be ticketed.

**7-18-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:55)**

Starting tomorrow afternoon, two-way traffic will shift to the westbound lanes from the Wabash River Bridge to River Road. Vehicles heading westbound from the bridge will be able to turn right onto Tapawingo Drive, but will not be able to turn left. Vehicles heading eastbound on State Street must continue through the intersection and over the bridge. The portion of Tapawingo Drive immediately southwest of State Street will close to through traffic.

**7-18-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news (1:15)**

Duke Energy reported at least two crashes today which took out power to more than 32- hundred customers. One of those was Franciscan Health East, which was forced to divert patients while the problem was fixed. It also turned off power at the Y- W- C- A, leading them to cancel all evening activities. Duke says all power was restored before 5 p-m. Another crash around one in the afternoon involved \*four vehicles. That was at U-S 52 and Creasy Lane. As you can see in this photo, one of the vehicles flipped on its side. Police say one person was injured and taken to IU Health. We can't say for sure whether any of those crashes were tied to the detours around Sagamore and South today. But it's clear that traffic in this area has had issues of it's own.

**7-19-2017 Ran during the 6pm news (:25 sec.)**

Crews have finished paving on the roadway in that area. Barrels and caution tape now block off side walks, and people have to use the road to walk. City engineer Ed Garrison says although cars are not allowed through yet, it's now an easier walk through the village. Garrison says it's now getting easier to see the final product.

**7-19-2017 Ran During the 6pm news (:30 sec.)**

The city of West Lafayette is bringing improvements to a less- than- perfect parking option. Today, the Redevelopment Commission approved a maintenance proposal for the Wabash Landing Parking Garage .It includes an immediate cleaning and additional trash cans. All curbs and handicap spaces will be repainted. A proposal for new lighting was also approved. The goal is to make the garage a safer and cleaner place for the public. The immediate improvements will begin on August 1st.

**7-19-2017 Ran During the Morning News (:30 sec.)**

Another traffic alert -- this one for \*West Lafayette drivers...a traffic shift is coming to State Street today. Starting this afternoon, two-way traffic will shift to the westbound lanes from the Wabash River Bridge to River Road. Traffic heading west from the bridge will be able to turn right onto Tapawingo Drive, but will \*not be able to turn left. Traffic heading east on State Street have to continue through the intersection and over the bridge. The part of Tapawingo Drive immediately southwest of State Street will close to through traffic.

**7-20-2017 Ran during the 6pm news (1:00)**

Indiana has ended another fiscal year with a positive balance. Those numbers come a couple weeks after a new law raising the gas tax 10 cents per gallon. That extra money is supposed to go toward road repairs. But the state's surplus has some wondering where their tax dollars are going.

7-20-2017 Ran During the 6pm news (:50 sec.)

As a result.. police have increased patrols in the area. Sergeant Will Carpenter says officers will actually stop drivers cutting through the businesses and give them verbal warnings. Police want to remind drivers to use the detours.. that includes Union Street, Creasy Lane and McCarty Lane.. as well as Earl Avenue. Carpenter says it's all about safety for other drivers and pedestrians at these businesses.

7-20-2017 Ran during the Noon news (:30sec.)

The APC also signed off on plans for The HUB Plus last night. The proposal calls for 11 stories with more than 200 units and retail space. It would be on State Street on Chauncey Hill where a gas station sits now. It's associated with the Hub.. a 10- story complex that will be located at Wood and Pierce Streets. The Hub Plus will be next to the Rise at Chauncey.. another highrise. Area planners say all these high rises work for that particular area.

7-21-2017 Ran during the Morning news (:27 sec.)

Drivers are using nearby businesses' parking lots to bypass the closure. Police have increased patrols in the area. Sergeant Will Carpenter says officers will actually stop drivers cutting through and give them verbal warnings. He says it's a safety issue for other drivers and pedestrians at these businesses.

7-23-2017 Ran during the 6pm news (:30 sec.)

The city of West Lafayette is one step closer to the final phase of a project to improve Yeager Road. The redevelopment commission has approved an agreement to begin engineering work. It will determine the plan to reconstruct the stretch of Yeager between Cumberland Avenue and Sagamore Parkway. Work will include new lighting and the extension of a multi-use path. Once the engineering work is complete, the city will begin to take bids for the project.

7-23-2017 Rand during the 6 pm news (:45 sec.)

Brown Street at the intersections of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Street will remain closed throughout the process. The construction is a part of the Brown Street Sewer C-S-O Project. As always..drivers are asked to please slow down in these area as construction crews will be in the area..as well as signs and pedestrians. Drivers should allow for the extra time while traveling through the area.

7-23-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:25 sec.)

People in Tippecanoe County have to look for a way around 900 East. The highway department has closed the road between State Road 38 and County Road 500 South until further notice. A spokesperson for the Highway Department says there's an issue with the pipes. Our crew on the scene says it appears the road is collapsing near a culvert. The highway department says materials to repair the problem are scheduled to arrive on Friday.

7-25-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news (:30 sec.)

Engineers are getting ready to reroute Happy Hollow Creek in West Lafayette. The project could start as early as next week. Currently, the creek goes under Happy Hollow Road at an angle. The creek's current is causing some erosion near the road. To fix the problem, a crew will dig out a straight path for the body of the creek. City Engineer Ed Garrison says it will take about a month. And the land around the area will be established over the next year.

7-25-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:30 sec.)

Columbian Park's Loeb Stadium will soon be demolished to make way for a new 16-million dollar multipurpose stadium. Today city leaders officially hired two companies to handle the project. The city approved a 1-point-three million dollar design contract with Indianapolis-based American Structurepoint. An 865-thousand dollar contract was finalized with Lafayette-based Kettlehut Construction to manage the project. City Engineer Jenny Leshney says construction should begin in September of 2019.

7-25-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (1:00 sec.)

He says this is the aftermath of all of the rain we've gotten lately - as well as the building's old age. It's more than one hundred years old. Gick says with these type of buildings, maintenance is crucial to prevent collapses like this. The city's architect engineer inspected the building today. He believes the building won't collapse - but did say that it's possible more bricks could fall. That's why the city is urging the public to use caution when passing by it. But the repairs aren't up to the city - it's up to the potential new owners. He says the current owners aren't able to fix the problem.

7-25-2107 Ran during the 6 pm news (30 sec.)

The Greater Lafayette commerce is investing 2 million dollars to renovate it's current building. It will include creation of an open work space environment to add 16 new employees. Heating and Air will be updated and additional meeting space will be available for the community. The city is working to fund 500-thousand dollars of the renovations. It is the third project included in the 5-million dollar bond the city is trying to get approved. Development director Dennis Carson says the facelift is a way to create a more welcoming environment for investors.

7-28-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news (:30 sec)

Part of the Complete Streets program includes replacing sidewalks, repaving roads and restoring buildings. City councilman Lewis Wheeler says the city has done a study targeting areas that need improvements. He says one of the top priorities is making sure streets and sidewalks to and from schools are in good condition. The work will be paid for through funding from the city and matching grants from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

7-30-2017 Ran in the 11 pm news (1:05)

After the group's petition to the f-a-a was turned down in 2015, it went to the courts. Advocates argue small airline seats can put passengers' health at risk for conditions like blood clots in legs. And they say growing obesity rates aren't being recognized by airlines. Flyers rights offered evidence that the average width of seats has been cut an inch and a half over the last decade. The Washington d-c court's decision cites space between the seat and the one behind it...Has also decreased. Airlines have said being able to add extra seats can improve its efficiency, and offer better fares for travelers.

7-31 Ran in the 5 pm news (:28 sec.)

West Lafayette City Engineer Ed Garrison says to call the police first. Once you've reported the incident, call the city engineer's office to get the contractor's information. Contractors are liable for damage within a construction zone. Kevin Neal's 1981 Trans Am was destroyed yesterday due to a raised manhole at the intersection of Tapawingo Drive and State Street. He says it wasn't marked and he never saw it coming.

7-31-2017 Ran in the Noon news (:29 sec.)

Crews will close the I-65 northbound exit ramp to U.S. 231 and the U.S. 231 entrance ramp to I-65 southbound. This is part of a 37-million dollar contract. It includes patching and resurfacing the interstate from the 197 to the 207 mile markers. Before work begins on those ramps, crews will reopen the U.S. 231 on-ramp to I-65 northbound and the southbound exit ramp to U.S. 231. The project is expected to wrap up at the end of August.

**8-01-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (:45 sec.)**

Starting around four this afternoon, contractors began paving a portion of the street. This is the first time in two months night work is being done. Crews will start at Salisbury Street and end close to Northwestern Avenue. Asphalt is being poured until around 2 o'clock in the morning. The city engineer says the noise should not be too loud for people living nearby.

**8-1-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (25 sec.)**

Crews are now wrapping up the south end of the one- point- three million dollar project. This is in the area near the Wabash shores neighborhood and Grant and Salisbury Streets. There's just a small portion of concrete work that will be wrapped up this week. Work being done includes paint stripes on the streets and new bike lanes.

**8-1-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (:25 sec.)**

Drivers will soon notice a new four-way stop in West Lafayette. The change is happening at the Grant and Meridian Streets intersection. That's located near the West Lafayette Junior Senior High School. Currently people coming down Grant Street do not have to stop at the intersection. But that will change starting this week or early next week. A city project engineer says this is to prevent vehicle crashes.

**8-1-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (41 sec.)**

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**8-2-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (PKG 1:45)**

Construction came to a halt in April after rain created unsafe river levels and working conditions at the site. But this week, crews have been able to resume work on the bridge.

**8-2-2017 Ran in the Noon news (:23 sec.)**

It happened around 7 this morning near the U.S. 52 exit. According to the Boone County Sheriff's Office, a semi hit a flatbed semi hauling hay. That caused the first semi to roll over. Neither driver was hurt. That portion of the interstate was closed for most of the morning, but is moving just fine as of this midday.

**8-2-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news PKG (1:09)**

A new way to travel may be a lot closer to becoming a reality. Hyperloop one - a "pod" designed to transport people at the speed of sound has reached another milestone.

**8-4-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (:30 sec)**

Classes resume for the Lafayette School Corporation on Tuesday. Lafayette Police patrolman Mark Roberts says officers will be patrolling school zones to look for speeders. He says people need to be aware of posted speed limit signs and take them seriously.

**8-7-2017 Ran in the Noon news (1:10)**

An American Airlines flight encountered severe turbulence over the weekend. The incident injured ten people - who were treated and released at a hospital near Philadelphia. Roxana Saberi reports from New York.

**8-7-2017 Ran in the Noon news (:20sec)**

A central Indiana school district says it has resolved problems with bus transportation that prompted the cancellation of two days of school last week. Classes resumed this morning in the Muncie Community Schools district. The district canceled classes Thursday and Friday to allow for time to correct problems that emerged on Wednesday's first day of classes.

**8-8-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (:52 sec)**

West Lafayette engineers confirmed Tuesday morning the State Street Redevelopment project is on schedule. In less than a week., drivers will soon be able to drive down State Street from University to Salisbury Streets. Just in time for students who are returning to Purdue for the fall semester. City engineers tells us this portion of the project should be open before midnight on Sunday the 13th.

**8-8-2017 ran in the Noon News (:45 sec.)**

It affects residential complexes with at least 25 units containing private drives, roadways or streets. Police currently aren't able to enforce traffic infractions because those complexes are private property. The ordinance states the city and the residential owner must enter into a contract before police can enforce traffic rules. Some provisions are included. Police would not be able to enforce violations until the contract is signed and proper signage has been installed. It also states that the city cannot charge for enforcement. Police believe the ordinance is valuable for public safety.

**8-8-2017 Ran in the Noon News (:39 sec)**

INDOT says Hoosiers can expect congestion in southern Indiana before and after the solar eclipse on August 21st. It says Interstate 69, U-S 41 and U-S 231 are expected to experience higher southbound traffic. Many people will be headed for western Kentucky where the moon's full eclipse of the sun can be viewed within a 70-mile-wide range. After the eclipse, heavy northbound traffic is expected on the same highways. The agency says a 99 percent partial eclipse will include Evansville, and Jeffersonville will see a 96 percent eclipse.

**8-9-2017 Ran in the Morning news (:29 Sec.)**

Construction on a portion of State Street is about to wrap up. West Lafayette engineers say the State Street Redevelopment project is on schedule. In less than a week., drivers will be able to use State Street from University to Salisbury Streets. That's just in time for students who are returning to Purdue for the fall semester. City engineers say it should be open before midnight on Sunday the 13th. "308 on State" General Manager Nicholas Keys says he grew up in West Lafayette and sees this as progress for the city.

**8-10-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (:20 sec.)**

Good news for drivers in Lafayette - the intersection of Sagamore Parkway and South Street is set to open soon. This is one the busiest intersections in the city and has been closed since July 17th. City engineer Jenny Leshney says it will open back up during the evening next Monday, August 14th. Driver Rick Holsclaw says opening the street saves him time on his commute.

**8-12-2017 ran in the 11 pm news PKG (1:34)**

Local police departments want people to think twice before getting behind the wheel while under the

influence. Starting today, Lafayette, West Lafayette and Purdue police are teaming up to help decrease the number of impaired driving crashes.

**8-13-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (:32 sec.)**

A portion of State Street from Salisbury to University streets will reopen tomorrow. However, drivers are going to want to look out for a new traffic pattern. Some restrictions on the road are still in place. Signs and fencing are posted around the construction to help guide pedestrians and bicyclists. The project is now moving into the final phase of 20-17 construction.

**8-13-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (:21 sec.)**

A major Lafayette intersection is set to reopen Monday evening. But drivers will notice a new traffic pattern at South Street and Sagamore Parkway. The northbound lanes of Sagamore will be open to traffic. Construction is set to start on the west half of the southbound lanes. The South and Sagamore intersection has been closed since July 17th.

**8-14-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (:45 sec.)**

This portion of the road was a one-way and was converted into a two-way. It opened just in time for Purdue students returning for their fall semester. Employees of the city including Mayor John Dennis welcomed everyone to West Lafayette for the opening. The group lined State Street in their blue shirts that said #ShopState. This was also a time for city employees to thank local businesses.

**8-14-2017 Ran in the Noon News (:31 sec.)**

And there's another traffic change coming too. Traffic on Sagamore will be switched to the Northbound lanes. That's because construction is set to start on the west half of the southbound lanes. Drivers will continue to see a lot of construction around Sagamore in the coming months.

**8-14-2017 Ran in the Morning news (:22 sec.)**

South Street and Sagamore Parkway reopened around 4 yesterday. And drivers will notice a new traffic pattern. Traffic on Sagamore will be switched to the northbound lanes. That's because construction is set to start on the southbound lanes. Neighbors who live and work nearby are happy that at least part of it has re-opened.

**8-16-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news PKG (2:00)**

It's been almost four days since State Street was reopened between Tapawingo Drive and University Street. But intersections like this one at Grant and State are becoming congested. While some are skeptical about the decision to make it a two-way, the city says it's working to make traffic flow smoothly.

**8-16-2017 Ran in the 6 pm news (:31 sec.)**

Missing the bus can really ruin a day. That's why so many students in the Tippecanoe School Corporation have downloaded the Here Comes the Bus Application. It's a real-time school bus tracker that allows families to tell up-to-the-minute, when their bus will arrive. The app will alert you if the bus is running late and even send you reasons why... such as being stopped by a train. And if you have multiple children, no problem. It lets you track several kids at a time as long as you have their ID number. TSC mom Cindy Maynard uses it for her three children.

**8-16-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (:49 sec.)**

City Engineer Ed Garrison says there has been a lot of congestion. However, he says it's something they expected. He says the worst areas have been the intersections of State at Tapawingo Drive, River Road and Grant Street. The city has been monitoring traffic signals in order to create more efficient timing. That



will improve traffic flow. But people we spoke to have mixed feelings about progress so far.

**8-21-2017 Ran in the Morning nes (:35 sec.)**

Airport manager Jason Hart says at the moment, there isn't much traffic coming in and out of the airport. To accommodate more airplanes, airport leaders discussed a runway extension. Thanks to funding from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation an extension is ready for takeoff. Beginning today, the airport will close for two weeks as crews begin the first of three phases of construction on the 300-thousand dollar project.

**8-21-2017 ran in the Morning news (:35 sec.)**

PARTS of some Lafayette streets will close for emergency sewer repair TODAY. The left lanes of Columbia Street will be shut down between Fourth and Sixth streets. There will be no parking along the street on either side during this closure. Also closing is the right lane of Fourth Street or Old U.S. 231 between South and Columbia streets. Some pedestrian access will be restricted. Drivers are asked to slow down in these areas and look out for signs and pedestrians. Allow extra time when traveling through these areas.

**8-22-2017 Ran durinn the 5 pm news (:39 sec.)**

The plan includes building a 4 point 2 million gallon storage tank. Quotes for the project opened up at this morning's board of works meeting. A 23-million dollar quote was proposed by Indianapolis-based Bowen Engineering. The tank will be placed at the end of Greenbush Street near Lyboubt Park. It will collect raw sewage that exceeds the capacity of the sewer after it rains. When the storm passes, the sewage will be sent to the wastewater treatment plant. Lafayette Renew Superintendent Brad Talley says this will improve water quality in the Wabash River.

**8-24-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:35 sec.)**

Hyperloop is an experimental form of transportation which passengers travel in a tube at over 500 miles per hour. The Purdue team is joining forces with a team from Spain to go up against 23 colleges from around the world. The Purdue team placed seventh in the the first pod competition in January. Now they are putting an improved design to the test in hopes of reaching speeds of 150 miles per hour. Project manager Aaron Pikus says designing the Hyperloop pod is a dream come true.

**8-26-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news**

It's the result of a nation- wide bus driver shortage. T- S- C is down four drivers from last year - that's four whole routes. The district has made efforts to take on more bus drivers, including increasing pay and benefits, but it hasn't helped. One mother says up until this year - there was door-to-door service. Now, her kids walk more than a block and half to get to their stops.

**8-27-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news (:35 sec.)**

Lafayette Fire Captain Brian Perior says construction crews struck a steel gas main shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. Lafayette police closed the roadway between South Street and National Drive. Crews from Vectren were on the scene working to repair the leak. Perior says no businesses had to be evacuated, but many chose to close for the day. According to Lafayette police, the roadway was back open around 5 o'clock this evening.

**8-28-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news (:25 sec.)**

Investors are watching the impact of the storm. Houston is the capital of the U-S oil and gas industry. Flooding from harvey has knocked out 11 percent of U-S oil refining capacity and a quarter of production. Purdue agriculture economist Wally Tyner says gas prices already are going up... but should come back down in about a week.

**8-28-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:25 sec.)**

State Street on Purdue University's campus is back open, but the construction is not over yet. Crews are busy putting the final touches on a large portion of State. Today, West Lafayette police say workers will be out paving the street. W-L-P-D says the paving will be from University to Littleton Streets. Police warn drivers to expect delays and use caution in that area. The paving is expected to last all week.

**8-29-2017 Ran during the Morning news (:50 sec.)**

President Dave Banta says the council voted in favor for a seven percent water and sewage increase, and a three percent hike for electricity. The council still needs to vote for the hike a second time before it's effective. A public hearing will be held on September 5th. Then on December 1st.. the second vote will be taken. If the board decides to adopt the ordinance.. it will be effective one month after its adoption.

**9-1-2017 Ran during the Morning news (:30 sec)**

Thanks to Hurricane Harvey, Gasoline has hit its \*highest\* price this year! Triple-a says an average gallon of gas cost \*2-45\* yesterday. The agency says with several refineries shut down by harvey -- and rising demand for gas over the labor day holiday -- prices could top \*2-50\* a gallon in coming weeks. The news comes as the energy department said it would release 500-thousand barrels of crude oil from an emergency reserve to help make up for shortages caused by the storm.

**9-5-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news**

This week crews are installing a metal railing from Grant Street to Chauncey Avenue. The railing replaces the orange and white barricades the city installed during home football games. The wall kept pedestrians away from cars traveling through the village. The new railing still assures that people cross the street at intersections, without narrowing the roadway with the barricades. City Engineer Ed Garrison says it keeps people from jaywalking.

**9-5-2017 Ran during the morning news**

As cleanup continues from hurricane harvey in texas.. gas shortages are on the rise. Several cities including san antonio, dallas, and austin reported long lines snaking around gas stations. Dozens of locations have shut down temporarily as they await new fuel deliveries. Experts say there's no reason to panic and warn rushing to top off tanks could make the problem worse.

**9-7-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news PKG (1:55)**

At this time tomorrow Northwestern Avenue is going to look a lot different as thousands of fans are pouring in for the game. But police say they've got their own game plan when it comes to traffic.

**9-7-2017 Ran during the Noon news (:31 sec)**

Governor Eric Holcomb made the announcement yesterday. Holcomb received 30 million dollars in the state's two-year budget for economic development efforts. He is using some of that money to help make the flights possible. Delta could get 5-point-5 million dollars in taxpayer-funded incentives if it meets a minimum passenger threshold over a two-year period. State officials say Delta has agreed to offer at least three flights a week, beginning in May.

**9-9-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news**

The roadway will be renamed the "Mark S. Davis Memorial Mile" between the 46 and 47 mile markers in Tippecanoe County. Davis helped bring Subaru of Indiana Automotive and the Hoosier Heartland corridor to the area. He died in March. The Indiana House and Senate both passed legislation urging INDOT to rename the one mile section. This morning, local leaders and community members gathered at

Heartland Community Church for the unveiling of the new signage. Mark's wife, Mary Kay, says she's humbled that her husband was so appreciated.

**9-9-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news (:40 sec.)**

Lafayette Fire Battalion Chief Tim Ford says a construction crew was digging in the area when they severed a 2 inch gas line. Vectren was called in to shut off the gas in the area and make repairs. No buildings were evacuated. The road was back open around 12:30. Since construction season started this year, there have been at least six gas leaks reported in Greater Lafayette road-work areas.

**9-12-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news (:20 sec.)**

Also impacting drivers, lighting along State Street is getting an upgrade this week. The work is expected to last the next few days. Crews will take down old light posts and replace them with new ones. Today.. about 12 went up from Grant Street to Roebuck Drive. Crews are setting up about 40 light poles on this stretch of road.

**9-13-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news (:35 sec.)**

The roundabout at Tapawingo Drive is part of the State Street Redevelopment project. The north half of the roundabout is already complete. Crews still need to pour asphalt and form the curb line on the southern half. Once the pavement is leveled and dry, permanent lines will be painted. Project engineer Dan Auckley hopes this opening will increase the traffic flow.

**9-13-2017 Ran during the 11 pm news (:25 sec.)**

Also, crews are working on several city roads to fill cracks in the asphalt. Some of the roads affected include Northwestern Avenue and McCormick Road. The goal is to help extend the life of the road by several years. Money to pay for this project is coming from Community Crossing Project fund.

**9-14-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news (:40 sec)**

It all started after Von's owner Jon von Erdmannsdorff found out about the plans through the media. He says he thinks closing the street would have hurt business and driven away future customers. West Lafayette development director Erik Carlson says it was designed to do the opposite. Carlson says he decided to speak with business owners after seeing the petition. He says the decision to hold off on the planned closure is what's best for now.

**9-15-2017 Ran during the Noon news (:35 sec)**

Gas prices are coming down, but it could take a while to see "pre-harvey" prices. The price of a gallon has dropped about 3 cents since reaching its highest point of the year a week ago. Harvey forced about 27-percent of the nation's refineries to shut down and the price of a gallon shot up more than 30 cents. But the high price of gas -- coupled with cheap crude oil -- have now forced refiners into action, and they are currently making as much gas as possible to reap the profits.

**9-18-2017 Ran during the Morning news (:25 sec)**

INDOT will BE WORKING on the Swisher Road bridge over the northbound lanes of I-65. That's just north of the State Road 25 exit. INDOT will close one lane from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Work is expected to take place each night through Thursday. Drivers are urged to follow the speed limit and consider worker safety when driving through the area.

**9-21-2017 Ran During the 5pm news PKG (2:00)**

As of earlier this afternoon, there were only about 4-thousand tickets left for Saturday's homecoming game against Michigan. Police say they're ready and they've even got a motto for drivers: "All roads lead

to U-S 231."

**9-21-2017 Ran during the 6 pm news (:40 sec)**

Lafayette will receive 100 thousand dollars in matching grants. West Lafayette, Battle Ground and Dayton will receive more than 200 thousand dollars. And Shadeland will receive 450 thousand dollars. Shadeland road Superintendent Thomas Younkin says this is the most money he has gotten in grants. He says he has four roads that need to be paved and a culvert that needs to be installed. Some people in Shadeland were excited to hear about the plans and look forward to the upgrades.

**9-21-2017 Ran during the 5 pm news (:47 sec.)**

Purdue police Chief John Cox says traffic will trickle in before the game. However, it's after the game that's posing the biggest problem because fans will all be leaving at the same time. Cox says the goal is to direct traffic out to US 231 to keep it flowing. Nearly 100 officers from all local agencies will be on hand to help. But those who have experienced game day traffic have some words of warning for those not going to Saturday's game.

**9-21-2017 Ran during the Morning news (:24 sec)**

Purdue's homecoming is this Saturday. And much to the relief of fans, the orange and white barriers will not be out on State Street. Instead, they have been replaced by new permanent railings. You may have noticed the railings have some color added to them as well. The new tops raise the height of the railing and make it harder to climb over. The city's director of Development Erik Carlson says this is permanent fix to an old problem.

**9-22-2017 Ran during the Morning news PKG (1:45)**

Purdue is close to selling out its first football game since 2008. And local law enforcement agencies are ready to handle the mass amounts of traffic. News 18's Samantha Thieke reports how police are preparing to keep the roads flowing.

**9-26-2017 Ran during the morning news (:30 sec.)**

Some good news for drivers -- gas prices are dropping. And analysts say it's thanks to continuing recovery efforts after hurricane Harvey. The average price of a gallon of regular fuel fell 7-cents over the past two weeks, to 2-dollars 62-cents. The average cost of diesel fuel was down 2-cents. Gas prices are expected to continue to fall in the coming weeks

**9-27-2017 Ran during the Morning news (:22 sec.)**

As we've previously reported, a bus driver shortage has caused TSC drivers to consolidate stops and sometimes double up on routes. Right now there are 100 routes everyday but only 97 drivers. Lindy Lowry's kids waited 25 minutes for the bus yesterday. She's worried for their safety.

**9-28-2017 Ran during the Noon news (:33 sec.)**

The bridge over the Eel River connects Logansport's west side to downtown. As News 18 previously reported, the Indiana Department of Transportation scored the bridge's integrity a one out of ten. That means it's in too poor of condition to be restored and must be demolished.

9-28-2017 Ran during the Morning news PKG (2:15)

We've been talking about this project since 2013. In 2015 plans were finally rolled out for construction to start in 2017. INDOT'S website says this project should be done by fall 2018. That's 18 months earlier than expected.

9-29-2017 Ran in the 5 pm news (:24 sec)

The combined sewer overflow tank will help catch extra sewage and storm water overflow from the Greenbush sewers. The underground tank will hold 4- point- 2 million gallons of water and will be 30 feet deep and the size of a football field. City leaders say it feels good to take the first step of this multi-phase project.