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### **Agriculture, Business and Healthcare**

**Purdue University employees breathe a sigh of relief after the decision is finalized to not change their healthcare benefits in the near future. After a Lafayette area gas station sold a winning Powerball ticket last year the current Powerball jackpot has many other stations hoping to sell another winning ticket. Purdue researchers are working to create a device that helps diabetics in their everyday life.**

### **10-22 Ran 5 P.M. News (:36) Healthcare**

Researchers in Purdue's Flexilab are creating a device allowing us to monitor important information through our phones. The technology comes in the form of wearable "stickers". The stickers are fitted with electrodes that measure magnetic changes in our bodies. This information is relayed through a wireless chip to our phone. Users will be able to receive vital information on the go. The stickers are created using thin cigarette paper. Purdue professor Ramses (rams-is) Martinez helped develop the device. He says the idea came from children's' stick on tattoos.

### **10-22 Ran 5 P.M. News (4:13) Healthcare**

Our month long Breast Cancer awareness month series continues today with help from our partners at IU Health Arnett. Every Monday we are discussing different ways action is being taken against breast cancer. News 18's Kiyerra Lake reports how the Cancer Center in Lafayette is tackling breast cancer by using radiation.

### **10-23 Ran Noon News (:39) Healthcare**

The government entity is responsible for administering medicare and medicaid programs. It also oversees the ObamaCare exchanges --collectively serving 130-million people. Verma says over the years the government has put more and more regulation on healthcare. She feels the method has not been successful and continues to add debt to the federal government. That's why CMMS is modifying programs that give more power to consumers.

### **12-23 Ran 5 P.M. News (1:09) Business**

This is especially noticeable when flying. Apart from supply and demand during the holidays, the main factor driving ticket prices is crude oil. When crude oil prices increase, travelers take a direct hit. Airlines have to adjust airfare to accommodate for losses spent on the fuel. According to Aviation and Transportation Technology Professor Yi (e) Gao (gow), travelers can expect future airfare to rise as oil prices

### **12-23 Ran 5 P.M. News (:37) Agriculture**

A new program has been planted right here in Lafayette. It works toward promoting a healthy community and environment. It's called the grow with me tree program. Parents can plant a tree for their newborn child, or in honor of their child, and witness its growth. The idea of the project is as the tree grows, your child grows with it. Trees can be planted near personal property, or in another area of the city. And there are 10-thousand open spaces available.

### **12-23 Ran 5 P.M. News (:34) Business**

Last year, they sold a winning Powerball ticket worth 435-Million dollars.

The seventh largest jackpot in Powerball history at the time.

This past Friday they sold another winning Powerball ticket worth 1-Million dollars.

Super Test's Vice President of Operations Nancy McKinney says the Mini Mart has been busy all morning with customers purchasing tickets for tonight's Mega-Million drawing.

### **10-23 Ran 6 P.M. News (:41) Healthcare**

Purdue University is no longer changing its insurance plan. As we reported last week, the university was working to put a rule in place that spouses must use their employer's medical insurance if the employer pays 50 percent, or more, of the premium. Purdue's Chief Financial Officer sent an email to faculty and staff today. In it he says the university estimates it spends more than 4-million a year on spouses --a cost he says is not in the best interest of the school. However, after several employees expressed concerns Purdue says it will not move forward with the changes at this time. Professor in the college of engineering, Alice Pawley says while she appreciates the extra time she still has concerns.

### **10-24 Ran Noon News (:34) Agriculture**

Today kicks off the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. And the organization announced the commander in chief will be its special guest. President Donald Trump will deliver the closing address to the students Saturday. He's scheduled to speak at 3 p.m. at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. It is closed to the public. The event draws 65-thousand people annually to Indianapolis. Purdue University hosts the statewide convention each summer. The organization provides leadership training through agricultural education to more than 600-thousand student members.

### **10-26 Ran Noon News (:32) Healthcare**

Columbine shooting victim and recovering addict Austin Eubanks will be the keynote speaker for the event. The event is to highlight the rebranding the mental health facility is undergoing. The Alliance's Senior Director of Clinical Services Monique (COOL-CAR-KNEE) Kulkarni is looking forward to Eubanks sharing his story. She says his story will bring awareness to the opioid epidemic, in turn teaching us how to better support our community.

### **10-26 Ran 5 P.M. News (:26) Business/Healthcare**

Megan Lannert and her five children all have what's called Waardenburg Syndrome. It has several symptoms but most notably it causes deafness. Three of her children were born completely deaf. But with cochlear implants, they are able to hear and talk pretty well. Her son, William was the first to try it when he was two years old.

### **10-29 Ran 5 P.M. News (:29+) Healthcare**

It the last Monday in October which means today is the last story in our breast cancer awareness month series. About one in eight women will develop breast cancer at some point in her life according to experts at IU Health Arnett. A statics Gina Boyd had never heard until she was diagnosed. News 18's Kiyerra Lake reports how she was able to fight her diagnosis with help at IU Health Arnett's Cancer Center in Lafayette. But also with help from her friends family and school community.

### **10-30 Ran Noon News (:42) Healthcare**

This is a copy of the letter sent to Arconic employees and retirees detailing the decision to drop health care coverage. Coverage will end for pre-Medicare medical, prescription drug and vision insurance. This will affect salaried and non-salary employees as well as retirees. The letter says participation in the program was low throughout the company. According to the letter, only 35 percent of those eligible for coverage enrolled. Coverage will be terminated at the start of the new year. We're working on reaching out to Arconic officials about the decision. We'll have updates coming up this afternoon on News 18 and 5 and 6. And on our website WLF1.com Reporting live in Lafayette, Balint Szalavari, News 18.

### **11-1 Ran 5 P.M. News (:34) Healthcare**

This invention will help primarily those with Type One Diabetes. It will administer Glocash-gone, which is used to help raise blood sugar levels. Current options take a long process to be ready to be administered. Liz Topp is an Industrial and Physical Pharmacy Professor at Purdue. She says the goal is to give Diabetic patients the independence to treat themselves when they need it.

### **11-5 Ran Noon News (:42) Healthcare/Business**

Tippecanoe County Coroner Donna Avolt tells News 18 Kerry Wheeldon died after a fall at the plant early Sunday morning. Lafayette Police Sergeant Matt Gard says the 51-year-old was on a scissor lift working on a crane at the time of the fall. Gard says, somehow, the crane knocked the lift over with Wheeldon still on it. He says it appears Wheeldon had a safety harness on when it happened. Wheeldon was taken to IU Health Arnett Hospital where he died from his injuries. She says the injuries that caused Wheeldon's death will be confirmed after an autopsy this evening. News 18 is still waiting on a response from Nanshan.

### **11-7 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31) Healthcare**

However, there are some things we do know about it. It is called Dsuvia. It is an opioid drug that is 10 times stronger than Fentanyl, which is the opioid commonly seen in overdoses today. F-D-A Commissioner Scott Gottlieb released a statement earlier this week. He says it will primarily be used on our soldiers who are severely wounded in the battlefield. It should not be used for more than 72 hours. And it will tight restrictions on distribution and use. Those who work in this field say there is always a chance it could land in the wrong hands.

### **11-8 Ran 11 P.M. News (:32) Business**

The area is considered a small-metro -- made up of Lafayette, West Lafayette, all of Tippecanoe County and Carroll and Benton Counties. The ranking mentions Lafayette but also discusses the influence West Lafayette and Purdue has on the area's success. The list takes into account all businesses...large and small. Mayor Tony Roswarski says combining education and research with large industry bodes well for the community.

### **11-8 Ran 11 P.M. News (:44) Business**

Massachusetts start-up Inari wants to disrupt the seed industry by creating the world's first seed foundry - developing customized seeds for specific climates. It will do so by reintroducing natural genetic diversity, which makes the seed cheaper, grow faster and have an overall better performance. They say the goal is crops that give more nutrition to consumers, have less of an effect on the environment, are more resilient to climate change, and give growers more profits.

Inari's C-E-O says the number one reason they chose to come to West Lafayette is to attract talent from Purdue University

### **11-10 Ran Noon News (:26) Business**

The first recall covers about 229- thousand Outback and Legacy vehicles in the U.S. from the 2018 model year. Government documents say a software problem can stop the low-fuel warning light from illuminating and make the miles-to-empty display inaccurate. These two models are manufactured at Subaru of Indiana Automotive in Lafayette.

### **11-9 Ran 5 P.M. News (:32) Business**

WIC is advising people to stop using its divided plates after reports that two caught fire while in the microwave. Plates have been handed out through Indiana WIC clinics since June. They contain dividers with labels showing the portion sizes for protein, grains, vegetables and fruits. They are labeled as being microwave safe. Nearly 86-hundred plates were sent to more than three dozen Indiana WIC agencies. No injuries have been reported.

### **11-14 Ran 6 P.M. News (:42) Business**

Representatives for the jail appeared in Indianapolis yesterday to update a judge on their progress. The hires were approved by Vigo County commissioners last month. Judge Jane Magnus says it's a good start, but ultimately they \*will need to build a new jail. Vigo County already has one property in mind for that, but there have been some zoning issues. Kenneth Falk is a lawyer with the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, who's working the case on behalf of inmates. Here's what he had to say on the possible zoning delay.

### **11-16 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31) Healthcare**

The technology is aimed at getting cancer treatment to the right part of the body more efficiently. Yoon Yeo is the head researcher. She described the situation as a delivery man not knowing the correct address of a package. And this injectable medicine makes it easier for the package to be delivered. When the cancer treatment is not properly delivered, it can be harmful to healthy tissue. She says this will make chemotherapy more bearable.

### **11-17 Ran 11 P.M. News (:34) Business**

The team hosted its annual e-waste and scrap metal collecting event. They partnered with the Lafayette metal recycling company Oscar Winski, which will properly dispose the items. Some items they will keep to use for building a robot for the tournament they're competing in early next year.

Robotics team technical officer Jasmine (WID-JURY) Widgery says people are able to take their items straight to Oscar Winski but donating through the robotics team is a big help for them.

### **11-24 Ran 6 P.M. News (1:37) Business**

When it comes to buying gifts, people often think of shopping at the big corporations. Well this holiday season, small business owners are working to bring attention to shopping local. News 18's Micah Upshaw stepped inside a local business in Lafayette to learn how Small Business Saturday is impacting the community.

### **11-25 Ran 6 P.M. News (:33) Business**

Small bookstores all across the nation are seeing an increase in buyers according to American Booksellers Association. This is true for the downtown Lafayette bookstore "Main Street Books." Yesterday local businesses celebrated Small Business Saturday. The owner of Main Street Books says it was there biggest day in sales next to Independant Bookstore Day. Local bookstores have been competing with the online market and electronic books for the past few years.

### **11-29 Ran Noon News (:33) Business**

Kroger bought out nearly two-thirds of Marsh stores across the country. That left 4 other old Marsh buildings throughtout Indiana on the auction block. Mayor Tony Roswarski says this is a private business deal. The auction can happen anytime between December 3rd and the 5th. All stores will be auctioned off individually.

### **12-3 Ran 5 P.M. News (:39) Business**

It's an all-cash deal worth four point one billion dollars. The merger will form the nation's largest TV station company. Tribune's stock surged today following the announcement. The acquisition comes four months after Sinclair Broadcast Group's attempted purchase of Tribune was terminated. The two companies are still embroiled in lawsuits over the failed merger, which came under intense scrutiny from government regulators and criticism from public watchdogs.

### **12-4 Ran 10 P.M. News (:39) Business**

Two new businesses are helping to give one corner of downtown Lafayette a second chance. Sichuan House and Kawa Sushi now fill the space where Ichiban Sichuan Restaurant use to sit. After nearly 6 months of sitting vacant, the building is ocupied once again. We weren't able to get in touch with the owners of Kawa. However, the niehgboring business, Sichuan House shared it's vision for the restaurant. Managers say the style of food they plan to serve is authentic Sichuan. It's specific to the southwest region of China.

### **12-6 Ran Morning News (:29) Business**

Multiple ticket retailers are selling tickets for as low as 40 dollars for balcony seats. But the John Purdue Club tickets are discounted for lower bowl seats. The trip to Nashville is 5 and half hours long and some

students are going to make the trip. The others that won't say the timing of the bowl game is also an issue. It's December 28th during holiday break at Purdue.

### **12-9 Ran 6 P.M. News (:28) Healthcare**

Parkinson's is the second leading cause of death in seniors. Ree Shee is studying how a World War Two chemical can be used to slow the onset of Parkinson's. The chemical has shown success in eliminating toxins in the brain linked to the disease. Shee shares why it's so difficult to fight this disease.

### **12-13 Ran 10 P.M. News (:33) Healthcare**

And now local health experts are urging parents to consider getting their children re-vaccinated even if they've already had the booster or T- DAP shot. In every confirmed case in Tippecanoe and Benton counties, the person was vaccinated. Both county's health departments are in the process of sending lot numbers of the medication used to the state health department so it can assist in the investigation. Assistant Professor in Purdue School of Nursing Libby Richards says children receive five doses of the vaccine, the last one between 4 and 6 years

### **12-13 Ran 10 P.M. News (:27) Business**

Tipmont customers living in rural areas around Greater Lafayette will have the opportunity for better internet access. Tipmont REMC announced its acquisition of Wintek Corporation this morning. The two companies will deploy residential fiber internet access to Tipmont's current 23 thousand customers in eight counties over the next eight years. Tipmont's President and CEO says the company's mission is to provide service to as many people as possible.

### **12-20 Ran 5 P.M. News (:18) Business**

As News 18 previously reported, the biopharmaceutical company is merging with Novartis A-G. Endocyte is being bought for 24 dollars a share giving it a value of about 2-point-1 billion. The merger should close by tomorrow.

## Crime

After Bird Scooters were introduced to Purdue's campus and surrounding city streets local lawmakers immediately saw the need for some sort of regulation, but how extreme will those regulations be? Lafayette Police work diligently to solve a case of animal cruelty resulting in the death of the animal and a man narrowly avoids the death penalty and in return will serve three life sentences in prison.

### **10-23 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31)**

The investigation of a fatal hit and run still remains open in Jasper County. A white in color van/suv seen traveling on SR 49 on the night of August 9th is a vehicle of interest. On August 13th the Jasper County Sheriff's Office found a body lying along SR 49 south of County Road 900 North. The body was identified as 19-year-old Alexis Waugaman. If you have any knowledge or information on the investigation including the whereabouts of the van call Chief Deputy Williamson. He can be reached at 219-866-7344 or contact him via email.

### **10-23 Ran 6 P.M. News (:43)**

A Lafayette man will spend 5 years in the department of corrections after getting into a woman's car and robbing her at gunpoint in March. Timothy Jackson was convicted of armed robbery and theft in August. The victim told investigators she was in the parking lot of the Family Express on State Road 38 when Jackson got into the backseat of her car and demanded her cell phone. When she couldn't find it, he took her purse, pulled out a gun, and told her to drive. Instead, she pulled up in front of the store, and Jackson ran off.

### **10-25 Ran Noon News (:41)**

Nathaniel Roberts knew both Shelena and her husband. He told us he can't believe the friend he met in tech class is now suspected of Shelena's murder. Roberts says he distinctively remembers the good conversations he had with Shelena in between classes or in the hallways at school. He says every time they talked she was always cheerful, happy and nice. Roberts added she was one of the most unique girls at school.

### **10-25 Ran Noon News (:31)**

A federal jury found 34-year old Shawn Dewitt guilty following a three-day trial. According to court documents, Dewitt responded to an online ad posted by undercover FBI agents. He expressed a sexual interest in children. Prosecutors say Dewitt sent explicit videos and images of child pornography to the agent. He also asked the officer to send him videos. Dewitt's sentencing is in February.

### **10-26 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31)**

This means for the next two weeks, any riders not following bike and scooter road laws could be issued a 50-dollar ticket. Purdue Police say they've received numerous complaints about unsafe motor vehicle operators since E-scooters arrived on campus. Police Chief John Cox doesn't want students to look at this as a punishment but a way to keep people from getting seriously injured.

### **10-29 Ran Noon News (:41)**

This all happened around 2:20 Saturday morning. That's when police say a white GM hit a man near the intersection of Twyckenham Boulevard and 9th Street. The vehicle then sped off. Police believe the driver was headed east. Based off the parts at the scene, police think the vehicle was a white GM. They are still working to figure out more details about the car. Sgt. Matt Gard said they are reviewing surveillance video.

#### **10-29 Ran 6 P.M. News (:21)**

The vehicle is a white 2014 Mazda 6. Police say it was taken from the Peppermill Village Apartments at Cumberland and Yeager roads. The victim says she was approached by two men and a woman. One of the men was holding what she says looked like a black handgun. If you have any information you're asked to call Detective Decker with WLPD at 765-775-5200

#### **10-30 Ran 10 P.M. News (:37)**

Investigators say 24- year old Alyssa Shepherd faces one count for ignoring a school bus stop arm - and three counts of reckless homicide. She was taken into custody at her workplace today around 4 p-m. About nine hours after investigators say she struck three siblings and another classmate boarding a bus to school in Rochester. Six- year old twins Xzavier and Mason Ingle died, as well as their sister, 9- year old Alivia Stahl. 11- year old Maverick Lowe was flown to a hospital in Fort Wayne for surgery. Long after the bus had been cleared, investigators say they remained on the road for hours, to be sure they hadn't missed anything.

#### **10-31 Ran 5 P.M. News (:36)**

It happened early Tuesday morning at Phil's Truck Stop on State Road 10. Sheriff's deputies say a masked man walked into the truck stop, sprayed the clerk and took things from the store. They say he left the business and headed west. He was driving a tan four door passenger car. The clerk was taken to a local hospital due to breathing problems.

#### **10-31 Ran 6 P.M. News (:42)**

The website allows you to type in an address and then shows you all the offenders in the area. It will also show you a picture, the person's address and their offenses. Detective Jason Morgan says parents should always escort their children up to doors. They should also remind children to never go inside home to get candy.

#### **11-1 Ran 6 P.M. News (:27)**

Alyssa Shepherd faces three counts of reckless homicide for the crash that killed siblings Xzavier Ingle, Mason Ingle, and Alivia Stahl. We now know she told police she saw the flashing lights ahead, but couldn't tell that it was a school bus in the dark. We've also learned the driver behind Shepherd estimated the pick- up's speed as 45 miles an hour. The posted speed limit on that stretch is 55. Shepherd's next hearing is scheduled for November 13th in Fulton County.

#### **11-3 Ran 6 P.M. News (:13)**

Police arrested 28-year-old Brandon Shaver. He is charged with aggravated battery. He is currently out on bail for 25 thousand dollars Police say the investigation is continuing. Burton is currently in critical condition.

### **11-5 Ran 10 P.M. News (:30)**

Thomas Pope is charged with battery by means of a deadly weapon and criminal recklessness. Police say the 61-year-old used a knife to stab William Gideon. Gideon was moving furniture in the apartment next to Pope's and heard noises coming from his apartment. He knocked on the door and says Pope opened it immediately, swinging his knife several times. Gideon then ran back to the apartment and called police.

### **11-8 Ran Noon News (:27)**

A case involving a convenience store employee who accidentally shot himself on the job has been forwarded to the Tippecanoe County prosecutor's office. It happened early Wednesday morning at the Village Pantry on South 4th Street. Police say James Allen called dispatch and said he was shot in the hand while taking out the trash. After reviewing surveillance footage, police say Allen actually shot himself. Allen was taken to the hospital for treatment.

### **11-13 Ran 11 P.M. News (:32)**

Price was charged today with theft and felony official misconduct. According to court documents, Price initiated the sale. The documents also say police recovered text messages from the buyer and Price. Prosecutors say the buyer returned the ammunition to the department, which then identified it as department ammo.

### **11-14 Ran Noon News (:41)**

This morning a Hamilton County judge ordered him to serve time in a juvenile detention center until he's 18. Last week, court testimony revealed the teen recorded a video in his basement hours before the shooting. He warned of his plans to "take lives," including his own. In the video, he flashed several guns. According to investigators, the teen's online history was filled with searches for school shootings.

### **11-14 Ran 5 P.M. News (:37)**

Adam Avila is charged with seven felony counts, including sexual misconduct with a minor and child solicitation. According to court documents, the relationship started when the teen was 15. She told investigators she originally lied about her age. But once she told him her real age - the relationship continued. Both the victim and Avila said they had sexual intercourse several times. Prosecutors say they also exchanged explicit photos and videos.

### **11-14 Ran 5 P.M. News (:29)**

Mary Finnegan doesn't necessarily think the data shows hate crimes happen here more than other places. She just thinks this community reports them more often. Finnegan is on the board of Citizen's for Civil Rights in Tippecanoe County. She hopes this is the year the statehouse can move forward with hate crime legislation.

**11-15 Ran Morning News (:20)**

The crash happened last year in July. 17-year-old Haleigh Fullerton and 8-year-old Callie Fullerton were killed. Sierra's car crashed into the living room where the sisters were watching TV. They were pinned underneath the car and died from their injuries. In September of this year Sierra pleaded guilty to two counts of reckless homicide.

**11-15 Ran Morning News (:27)**

24-year-old Alyssa Shepherd is facing three charges of Reckless Homicide. The October 30th crash killed 6-year-old twin brothers Xzavier and Mason Ingle and their 9 year old sister Alivia Stahl. The family of Maverik Lowe, the fourth child hit, says he is making progress. We will bring you updates on the trial today on News 18 and online at WLF1.com.

**11-15 Ran 10 P.M. News (:34)**

A 54-year-old man has been arrested after he admitted to firing off several shots inside a Jasper County home. Deputies responded to a call at the home just south of Demotte. Investigators say it was around 4 o'clock Monday morning when multiple gunshots were fired inside the home.

**11-16 Ran Noon News (:17)**

Lafayette police are opening an investigation after a dead dog was found placed in a cage in the middle of a Lafayette street. The animal was called in early Wednesday morning, in the middle of the Vinton and 29th Street intersections. Police say the dog was already dead when they got there.

**11-18 Ran 11 P.M. News (:39)**

When officers arrived police say they found 18-year-old Jontae Billups-Brooks with a gunshot wound. The second victim, Keyonte Billups-Brooks was transported by ambulance to a hospital. Keyonte was treated for his injuries and later released. Police say Jontae Billups-Brooks was transported to a hospital as well where he was later pronounced dead.

**11-19 Ran Morning News (:29)**

From Friday to Sunday, WLPD took 195 calls for service and arrested nine people. That's five more arrests than the last home football game weekend. Those include three arrests for operating while intoxicated and two arrests for battery. Police say they're looking into the alleged bomb threat, but believe it was just a prank.

**11-19 Ran Morning News (1:03)**

When officers arrived police say they found 18 year old Jontae Billups-Brooks with a gunshot wound. Police say Jontae Billups-Brooks died at the hospital. The second victim, Keyonte Billups-Brooks was taken to the hospital and later released. Police do not believe this was a random act of violence. Garcia-Johnson

is being held on 500-thousand dollars' surety and 50-thousand dollars cash. The investigation is ongoing by the LPD's Detective Division.

### **11-19 Ran 5 P.M. News (:30)**

Police say it happened on Northchester Lane around 10:40 last night. The victim told police a teenager, who he knew, came to his front door without notice. After he was let in, the teen allegedly pulled a handgun on the victim and got away with cash.

### **11-19 Ran 5 P.M. News (:32)**

Christopher Watts cried as a judge sentenced him to 3 life terms. In a plea deal to avoid the death penalty, the 33-year-old confessed. The prosecutor detailed how watts first strangled his wife and then smothered his daughters before disposing of their bodies at an oil field where he worked. His wife's father told watts he hopes he visualizes what he's done everytime he closes his eyes.

### **11-20 Ran 5 P.M. News (:15)**

To file formal charges against Alexander Garcia-Johnson, prosecutors requested a 72-hour extension. And today they were granted just that. In the courtroom, Garcia-Johnson was rather silent- but responded with a quick yes or no when he was being questioned.

### **11-2- Ran 5 P.M. News (:39)**

The sheriff's office now believes 43- year old Joseph Bland of Terre Haute was the driver. The case is with the prosecutor's office to review for possible charges. Images caught on a surveillance camera show the semi driving away from the scene. Investigators say they found the trailer in southern Illinois, but at the time, the driver was nowhere to be found. According to the sheriff's office, Bland is not giving a statement at this time.

### **11-21 Ran Noon News (:53)**

Around 5:40 Monday morning, deputies received a report of a burglary in progress at a residence/business on State Road 231 north of the Tippecanoe/White County border. Deputies saw two men drive away and tried to pull them over. You can follow thair path here on your screen. The truck got onto I-65 southbound before making a U-turn and getting back off the interstate. The chase ended near 450 West and 600 South when the driver drove down a gravel road leading to windmills.

### **11-26 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31)**

This jail footage shows Blake Stewardson slammed into a wall, tripped and thrown to the floor. Stewardson says he never was aggressive with the officers. He was handcuffed the whole time. Stewardson also claims officers stripped him naked, tied him to a chair and harrassed him. He says this all happened while Cass County Sheriff and Logansport employees watched. Stewardson's attorney explains why he took the case.

### **11-27 Ran Morning News (:31)**

Lafayette police are investigating an alleged armed robbery called in on Black Friday. Police say It happened near the intersection of South 16th and Perdue streets. Police say two men returned home from a shopping trip around 5:30 pm when they were robbed at gunpoint by a man with a t shirt over his face.

#### **11-27 Ran 11 P.M. News (:12)**

State police are on the scene of a fatal hit and run in Walton. That's in Cass County, about seven miles southeast of Logansport. The investigation is centered on this intersection - U-S 35 and Engler Road in Walton.

#### **11-29 Ran Noon News (:30)**

According to a news release, Trinity High School will not hold class while police investigate. Brohm was a star quarterback at the school in the late 80s. Purdue Freshman stand-out Rondale Moore is also a graduate of Trinity High School. Brohm made the announcement Wednesday evening that he would stay at Purdue after many speculated he would leave for the same job at his

#### **11-29 Ran 5 P.M. News (:17)**

A video of two people in rural West Lafayette drowning a cat in a lake is getting attention on social media. The video was uploaded on November 23rd but has since been removed. News 18's Anna Darling spent today looking more into this video.

#### **11-30 Ran Noon News (:28)**

We reported in September James McKillop was charged after cutting another inmate's throat with a metal splint. Security footage showed McKillop attacking Lawrence Bell from behind while he was on the phone. A jury found McKillop guilty on all seven counts after two days in court. His sentencing is set for December 27th.

#### **11-30 Ran 5 P.M. News (:26)**

It said "Nazi Lives Here" and red dye resembling blood was poured all over the drive way. David Bridges and his wife Vicki Burch were disturbed by the display. Without witnesses or cameras, it will be tough for West Lafayette police to investigate. Although the message is now cleaned off. The intent still haunts them. Bridges says it's a hurtful accusation.

#### **11-30 Ran 5 P.M. News (:47)**

According to prosecutors, Walter Baldwin admitted to trapping a cat in an animal trap in Tippecanoe County. He also admitted to taking the animal to a local pond, where the cat was allegedly kicked into the water by another person. Baldwin told police he and that person didn't want to shoot the animal because it would create a bloody mess. Baldwin is charged with five felonies, including killing a domestic animal, torturing or mutilating a vertebrate animal and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

#### **12- 3 Ran Morning News (:31)**

It happened at the Ulta Beauty on Creasy Lane. A News 18 viewer sent us video of the confrontation. L-P-D around 2:40 p.m. yesterday. They say a store manager confronted the suspect, but then he ran. Another customer grabbed the suspect by the arm to stop him. That's when police say the suspect pulled a knife on the customer. L-P-D caught and arrested the man in the old Marsh parking lot nearby.

#### **12-4 Ran Morning News (:29)**

Camaris Slater is accused of armed robbery and theft. Police say a masked man approached two people in a car on 16th street and demanded several items they had just bought at Tippecanoe Mall. According to court documents, one of them was later able to identify that man as Slater. Slater also faces a charge of possession of marijuana for drugs allegedly found in a routine traffic stop the day before that identification was made.

#### **12-4 Ran 5 P.M. News (:44)**

The clerk told police an armed man entered the store demanding money. Police say the clerk refused to hand over the money. The suspect fired one shot at the clerk as he left the store. The clerk was not injured. Later this morning, police located Levi Greenup with a gunshot wound to his leg. They took Greenup into custody for possession of methamphetamine. The 29-year-old was later sent to Franciscan Health Lafayette East for his injuries. Police say Greenup matches the description of the robbery suspect. His injuries and the robbery are still under investigation.

#### **12-5 Ran 5 P.M. News (:13)**

State leaders have announced a plan to launch a statewide service for tracking rape kits. As Matt Smith explains, it will now allow victims, medical, laboratory and law enforcement staff to track the progress of a specific kit.

#### **12-5 Ran 11 P.M. News (:47)**

Breaking news, a man is in FBI custody after a 15 hour ordeal that started in Lafayette leads to kidnapping charges. Police say at 6 this morning, a Lafayette man got a call demanding a ransom for the mother of his child, 27-year-old Shatarra Triplett. At her home in Bridgewater Circle Apartments, police found an infant along with three other children, but no sign of Triplett. Lafayette Police Detectives, agents from the FBI, and investigators with the Tippecanoe County Prosecutors Office say they had to work under extreme secrecy to keep Triplett and the public safe.

#### **12-6 Ran 5 P.M. News (:34)**

Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Patrick Harrington says this is part of a national medicare scam. However, he encourages people to contact local authorities including Adult Protective Services. That program helps people from Tippecanoe and its surrounding counties. Sherri Hinton says she's never given out her Medicare information to these companies but they keep trying to make her pay for the back brace every day.

#### **12-6 Ran 6 P.M. News (:34)**

New at 6 o'clock, a Lafayette man faces several charges for allegedly firing a gun at the Romney Meadows apartment complex over the weekend. Fidell Mitchell is charged with multiple weapons violations, criminal recklessness, and possession of marijuana. A man who drove Mitchell to the apartments on Sunday says they argued during the drive. When they got to the apartment, the man said Mitchell grabbed a gun from inside, pointed it at him, and then fired it into the air. At least one neighbor overheard the fight and called police.

### **12-10 Ran Noon News (:33)**

Kevin Sellers will spend the next 45-years in prison for the fatal shooting of his uncle. Sellers called police in 2007 reporting that he found his uncle, David Sellers, dead in their home. While the coroner deemed it a suicide, investigators on the scene felt otherwise. After 10 years of investigation, Sellers pleaded guilty to a charge of murder. Sellers lived with his uncle and took care of him. Chief Deputy Prosecutor Noah Schafer says Sellers admitted that money and greed played a role in his death.

### **12-11 Ran 5 P.M. News (:21)**

A warrant for Bland's arrest was issued on November 20th. It wasn't until two and a half weeks later -- just this past Saturday afternoon-- that Bland turned himself into the Jasper County jail. He paid his 15-hundred-dollar bond and is now out of custody. On October 10th a witness saw a car hit and then drive underneath a semi at the intersection. The witness then said he exited his car and tried to flag down the tractor driver, before the semi drove off. The crash killed the driver of the car... 40-year-old Melissa (DIN-oh) Deno of Rensselaer. Surveillance video shows the semi not making a complete stop at the intersection

### **12-11 Ran 5 P.M. News (:35)**

Aleisha didn't feel comfortable sharing her last name or showing her face on camera for this story. But she did want to make sure women were warned. She says she was walking her dog in Pheasant Apartments when a man in his 30s driving a red Ford SUV pulled over and asked her for directions to Walmart. After she answered him, he exposed himself and asked what she thought about it.

### **12-12 Ran 5 P.M. News (:47)**

Abigail Finney says a man pretended to be her boyfriend in the dark and started having sex with her. He admitted he knew Finney thought he was her boyfriend. But because rape by impersonation isn't against the law, he wasn't convicted of rape. State Representative Sally Siegrist was working on a bill to add impersonation to the rape statute but since she lost the election, Representative Donna Schaibley (SHY-blee) is taking over.

### **12-13 Ran Noon News (:23)**

Indiana State Police say they responded to the scene after getting a call from someone concerned. They say they found the teenage suspect and exchanged gunfire with them. ISP confirms the teenage suspect died of a self-inflicted wound. Police say the situation could have been much worse.

### **12-14 Ran 5 P.M. News (:30)**

Officers received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about Noel Berry's possible possession of nude images of a child. Indiana State Police then searched the 60-year-old's home

on Monroe Avenue. That's when officers found eight separate nude images of children on his computers and other devices.

### **12-15 Ran 6 P.M. News (:43)**

L-P-D have arrested 31 year old Casey L. Hollingsworth for the incident. It happened at 5:20 A-M on Saturday at the Walgreens on South Street. When officers arrived, they found a car had been driven into the door of the building. Officers quickly set up a perimeter around the business.

### **12-18 Ran Noon News (:27)**

40-year-old Melissa Deno of Rensselaer was killed in this crash on October 10th. Surveillance footage allegedly shows Deno's car hit and drive under a semi. Court documents say the semi appeared to slow to a stop, but then kept driving. A warrant for Blands arrest was issued on November 20th and he turned himself in December 8th. He is now out on bond. We spoke to the jasper county prosecutor Jacob Taulman. He is not able to comment about the case at this time.

### **12-20 Ran Noon News (:33)**

Police say they responded to a burglary alarm at the South Street busines on Saturday. They say they found 31- year- old Casey Hollingsworth exiting the front doors with a bin full of drugs. Surveillance video reportedly shows Hollingsworth jacking open the back loading door and crawling in. Police say the bin contained hydrocodone pills and liquid, as well as a thousand pills of Xanax. He's charged with dealing narcotics, burglary, and theft.

### **12-24 Ran 5 P.M. News (:40)**

According to the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office, deputies tried to pull over Glenn Smith for speeding on North 9th Street. Smith allegedly drove away, going more than 100 miles per hour on Interstate 65. He got off the interstate at State Road 18 in White County. During the pursuit, police learned Smith was wanted on felony warrant out of white county. The chase made its way back to Tippecanoe County where police were able to catch and arrest Smith. He faces several charges including Resisting Law Enforcement, driving without a license and possession of paraphernalia.

### **12-26 Ran 5 P.M. News (:40)**

According to the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Seth Mcculough went into the child's room in the middle of the night. Investigators say there were blood and other stains on the child's underwear the next day. Court documents say the child woke up the next morning crying and in pain. The child's older sister told police she saw Mcculough choking her sister. Mcculough denied the accusations to police. The child was taken to Riley Children's hospital. Doctors found swelling, bruising and lacerations during the child's exams. The state requested a bond of \$100,000 cash.

## Diversity

One young woman isn't letting her young age stop her from making a difference in our community. Purdue student and super-fan Tyler Trent could not return to school this semester so the Purdue community some Purdue to him. Todd Rokita doesn't win a seat in Congress this term so what will he be doing here in the Hoosier State?

### **10-22 Ran Morning News (:30)**

A 16-year-old in Lafayette isn't letting her age stop her from making a difference in the world. She organized a walk-for-freedom event to bring awareness to human trafficking. The number of human trafficking incidents in Tippecanoe County is higher than the state average. That's one reason why Rylee Schneider organized the walk for freedom. She says she came across the walk from an organization called A-21. Schneider says after learning the horrors of human trafficking, she's says this walk is her way of helping.

### **10-22 Ran Morning News (:33)**

U-S Representative Todd Rokita is still staying quiet about what his future holds. He held a Town Hall in Frankfort YESTERDAY just months before he leaves office. The discussion was led by the community and focused on local and national concerns. Rokita says he plans to defer the issues discussed in yesterday's Town Hall right to those leaders. He says these meetings are meant to be organic. But also an opportunity for people to share what's on their mind. Rokita is in his final months of holding office but he says it's important for him to finish the term strong.

### **10-23 Ran 5 P.M. News (:29)**

Winter is just around the corner - and one Lafayette organization is making sure homeless and low income veterans have what they need to make it through. The Daughters of the American Revolution are hosting their annual Stand Down collection. You can find donation boxes at different places across Greater Lafayette. Wanted items include new women's and men's socks, t-shirts, underwear and long johns. Last year, DAR helped close to 100 veterans. The distribution is the first weekend in November.

### **10-26 Ran 5 P.M. News (:36)**

Today at his home in Carmel, News 18 delivered Tyler a "West Lafayette Care Package." He had Bruno's Pizza, Triple X Rootbeer, Harry's popcorn..... And he even a Den Pop that has now been named after him. Purdue President Mitch Daniels sent along a few items as well. Tyler's parents say they are thankful for all the people who have been there since the beginning of his journey.

### **10-27 Ran 6 P.M. News (:28)**

The Salvation Army gave out hundreds of coats at today's Coats for Kids event. They've been collecting winter clothing items for weeks leading up to today's distribution. Community members were able to take enough clothing to make up one complete head to toe outfit. Salvation Army Lieutenants Rachel and Aaron Johnson say donations are important. From the community members who donated clothing to the volunteers who gave their time, the couple is happy with the event's turn out.

### **10-31 Ran 5 P.M. News (:37)**

The Greater Lafayette newcomers event brings together new residents and city organizations. That includes county commissioners, school superintendents, medical facilities, libraries, the arts and much more. The night is set up with a speed dating format. Newcomers will get four minutes at each table. Greater Lafayette Commerce President Scott Walker says with a growing community, we need to invest in our newcomers.

### **11-1 Ran 6 P.M. News (:28)**

A Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor is speaking tonight at Purdue University. Shy-geko Sasa-mori was just 14 years old when the bomb fell on the Japanese city. She lived two miles away from the hypo center of the explosion. She suffered extensive burns as a result of the bombing. After coming to the U-S in 1955, but she goes back to visit her family who still lives in Japan. She says she enjoys talking to the younger generations about her story. And that she wants people to see past her words.

### **11-2 Ran 5 P.M. News (:24)**

Hines actually passed away in 2010. But when her husband died last year, her trust became available for its recipient. And she wanted all that money to go towards the animal rescue efforts at the Cass County Humane Society. Lisa Clark is the Executive Director of the shelter. She says much of the money will go towards helping strays that are brought to the shelter. Just like what Hines did on her farm for years.

### **11-2 Ran 5 P.M. News (:34)**

A dedication ceremony for the Trooper Robert Lather Memorial Mile brought together different generations of troopers and the late trooper's loved ones. Trooper Lather was killed in an automobile accident in Miami County on July 6th, 1982. And his memorial mile will take the 174 to 175 mile markers on U.S 31. Sergeant Tony Slocum spoke about how important it is that the family of the fallen trooper was able to be a part of the ceremony. And how Trooper Lather's memory will not be forgotten.

### **11-2 Ran 6 P.M. News (:28)**

Purdue Political Science Professor Nadia Brown calls this election cycle the "pink wave." She says this is the beginning of a transition in government that will truly reflect our country. Brown says women of color are able to represent issues and interests that other groups may not because of their distinct perspective. She says she's looking forward to the outcome of this election.

### **11-3 Ran 6 P.M. News (:35)**

The Indiana G-O-P hosted a rally encouraging the community to get out and vote. Voters listened as their leaders shared words of encouragement and taking action this election season. The party has traveled to 25 counties and still has three more to go before elections on Tuesday. This midterm season has seen an unusually high number of voters at the polls Tippecanoe County Commissioner Tracy Brown says he anticipates a record breaking voter turnout before the election.

### **11-5 Ran 5 P.M. News (:34)**

A few weeks ago, he saw all these signs popping up in his West Lafayette neighborhood. So he started counting them. Based off his list, he thinks he knows who is going to win. Jack still has 11 years until he can vote, and he's pretty bummed about that. He says the candidates help others and he wants to help others too when he grows up. While his age may prevent him from casting a ballot, his logic about how to vote is pretty smart.

### **11-3 Ran 6 P.M. News (:35)**

Hundreds of thousands of veterans across the country were \*served\* today including right here in Tippecanoe County. This is because of 'Stand Down,' a nationally recognized event designed to serve veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk for being homeless. The Lafayette 'Stand Down' brought together 40 local businesses that volunteered their services to local veterans. Veterans were given health and legal services, as well as food, clothing and hygiene products. President of Tippecanoe County Veterans Council Tim Hilton says this event is here for any veteran in need.

### **11-8 Ran 5 P.M. News (:34)**

Mayor John Dennis, District 26 State Representative-elect Chris Campbell, and leaders from Hillel Purdue, the YWCA, and Lafayette Urban Ministry. These are just a few of the people who attended today's meeting. All with the collective goal of creating a cohesive front in the fight against hatred and fear of our neighbors. The fact that there was religious, non-profit, and government representation shows that everyone here is on the same page. Rabbi Mike Harvey of Temple Israel led the discussion today. He says he already sees this community heading in the right direction.

### **11-8 Ran 5 P.M. News (:37)**

After registration.. they will begin collecting the toys and clothing up until December thirteenth.. When they'll begin to distribute the gifts to families. Salvation Army Social Services Director.. Dawna Whitus.. wants to reassure families in need that there are plenty of open applications. Even though the deadline is quickly approaching.

### **11-8 Ran 6 P.M. News (:16)**

During the rally signs said things like "Whitaker must recuse" and "protect mueller" The group also held flashlights ...they say it was to shine a light on president trumps corruption. Matthew Gyure says he believes protests to be an effective way to get a message across.

### **11-8 Ran 11 P.M. News (1:22)**

Since Michigan is legalizing recreational Marijuana, many wonder if Indiana will get any closer to changing its laws on cannabis. News 18's Kayla Sullivan reports a student group at Purdue is advocating for it.

### **11-10 Ran 5 P.M. News (:32)**

On Sunday, you can participate in the Sleep A Night On Our Streets at the First Christian Church. The goal of this is so people can see what it's like to sleep in a shelter situation. On Wednesday, head out to Pete's Diner for the Voices of Homelessness Art Show. You can see photos and read poems all done by those who have experienced being homeless. And LTHC is hoping to break some stereotypes at the Myths of Homelessness community presentation. Jennifer Shook is the Development Director at LTHC. She shares the message they hope to spread.

**11-9 Ran 5 P.M. News (:25)**

James Breakwell wrote "Bare Minimum Parenting" to show people they don't have to try that hard to raise decent kids. He says the pressure on parents is increasing daily from doctors, psychologists and people on social media. Breakwell hopes you'll take it from a father of four daughters and a pet pig. You don't need to go all out to show you love your kid.

**11-9 Ran 6 P.M. News (1:45)**

Purdue College of Education professors are transitioning out of election season into the holiday season with a Christmas gift guide for kids. Each of the three gifts on it has educational benefits. News 18's Micah Upshaw met with a professor who says these toys are a gift that will keep giving.

**11-10 Ran 6 P.M. News (:30)**

This is the 4th year that Purdue Schwartz Tennis Center has hosted the camp. The tennis camp happens in different states across the U-S but this is the only one hosted in the Midwest. The camp includes learning from top instructors and professionals in the United States Tennis Association. First time tennis camper, Jarrod Ostachuk says he's learning so much and having fun while doing it.

**11-10 Ran 6 P.M. News (:30)**

Purdue Dance Marathon is currently underway. The 18-hour long event doesn't require dancing but celebrating and fundraising is encouraged. These Purdue students have been raising money all year for Riley Hospital for Children. Along with a night of entertainment, students are working to bring in final funds before the total reveal tomorrow. More than 40 Riley kids and families are also in attendance. P-U-D-M President Becca Anglen says tonight's event is mutually beneficial for the kids and the students.

**11-10 Ran 6 P.M. News (:29)**

This year's Purdue Dance Marathon broke its fund raising record. Riley Hospital for Children's patients and Purdue students were up for 18 hours straight last night celebrating and raising money for the hospital. This year they made more than 1.2-Million dollars, which is 100-thousand dollars more than last year. Students have a year to fund raise leading up to the next event, when they reveal the total. There were nearly 15-hundred students and more than 40 Riley kids and families in attendance.

**11-10 Ran 611 P.M. News (:32)**

The Lafayette Sagamore Council cub scouts served some veterans today. The cubs delivered popcorn to rooms of veterans living in the Indiana Veterans Home. Back in September, the cubs held their annual popcorn sale. Buyers not interested in buying popcorn were able to give money as a military donation. The cubs raised 10-thousand dollars and used that money to supply the popcorn they delivered today. Cub scout leader Bryon Haverstick says the cubs are required to spend time with everyday heroes and today was a perfect opportunity.

**11-12 Ran 5 P.M. News (:22)**

93 trucks have been given out since the project started. Each has special features allowing for easier use for disabled vets. This includes a manually operated camper-shell and winch along with fully rotating seats. James Logsdon is the first Vietnam War veteran in the nation to receive one of these trucks. He never thought he would be selected to receive one.

**11-13 Ran 11 P.M. News (1:21)**

Today is World Kindness Day. And one Purdue student wants people to know about an act of kindness at a local restaurant that's had a lasting impact on her. News 18's Micah Upshaw meet with Michelberg to learn why she's still touched by the effects of one moment of kindness, two years later.

**11-14 Ran 5 P.M. News (:40)**

The hearing loop is a special type of audio system made for people with hearing loss. It generates a wireless signal to be picked up by hearing aids or loop listener devices. The loop makes it possible to be anywhere in the theater and have a consistent sound no matter where you're sitting. The Elliott Hall system is considered to be one of the largest fully looped systems in the world. Elliot Hall Audio Systems and Design Coordinator.. Dallas Johnson.. spoke about the importance of the system to Elliott Hall.

**11-15 Ran 5 P.M. News (:38)**

The night kicks off at 6PM on Saturday in the Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot. The sleeping out will begin around 11 P-M and will last until 6 A-M Sunday. Those participating in the overnight portion are invited to bring tents.. cardboard to build structures with.. and to dress in layers. PATH Case Manager Wil Reinowski hopes the weekend weather won't deter people from participating.

**12-1 Ran 6 P.M. News (:30)**

Members of the Jewish community gathered at the West Lafayette Library for a public Menorah lighting. This is the 5th year the event has taken place. Mayor John Dennis has attended every year. This year, he shared words of hope in light of the recent synagogue attack in Pittsburgh. He also lit the main candle of the Menorah.

## **Education**

If you're voting in this election, then you might be confused by some questions on your ballot. A local Clerk is trying to educate everyone on what those choices mean. Speaking of the election, a PoliSci class from Purdue tried their hands at exit polls at certain polling places and one local elementary school gets some help with their compositions from a few Purdue all-stars.

### **10-22 Ran 5 P.M. News (:22)**

A potential constitutional amendment is slowing down some people at the polls so far. But there's a way you can avoid confusion. Tippecanoe County Clerk Christa Coffey wants people to take a look at the preview ballot online. This allows people to know exactly what to expect before entering the voting booth. Maybe then they can do their own research on the topic and avoid rumors.

### **10-22 Ran 5 P.M. News (:26)**

Got legal questions? Then get them answered! Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys and the Indiana Bar foundation are hosting "talk to a lawyer day." The program offers free legal assistance for low-income individuals as a part of pro-bono week. Anyone can attend and ask general questions about the legal system or personal cases. Tim Peterson with Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys says the goal of the program is to make people more aware of their rights.

### **10-25 Ran 11 P.M. News (:17)**

The school was originally named Tippewa Technical Institute. 17 kids were first enrolled when the school opened. Last year 4-thousand students enrolled. A current student and member of student government says this school was her perfect fit. She says Ivy Tech built the road for her future.

### **10-29 Ran 5 P.M. News (:42)**

Tippecanoe County Election Board Chairman Randy Vonderheide says he was alerted to the problem this weekend. He says they checked all of the machines and couldn't recreate the problem. Vonderheide stresses the importance of reviewing your ballot before you hit cast. And if it doesn't reflect who you were wanting to vote for...

### **10-30 Ran 6 P.M. News (3:38)**

Halloween is fun for kids but can be a scary time for parents. There are ways to put your mind at ease though. You can start with free reflective bags from the Lafayette Professional Firefighters Union. \*Show bag\* Or listen to the advice of some local parents.

### **10-31 Ran Noon News (:30)**

After three children were tragically killed by a car as they crossed the street to get on the bus, some may want to know more about the rules of the road when it comes to school buses. We go live to News 18's Anna Darling. She is spending the day learning more about the concerns and efforts of those living in Tippecanoe County, Anna?

### **11-2 Ran Noon News (:15)**

Nearly 200 kids from Mintonye Elementary visited for a fun filled morning of literacy. Purdue celebrities read to students. There were also games and activities centered around the importance of reading.

### **11-5 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31)**

Some people we talked to were under the impression the card was used to store their vote. This became a concern because the box you put the card in isn't secured. However, that is not the purpose of the card. It's used to tell the machine which ballot to choose and is erased as soon as you take it out of the machine. Earl McCoy can see why people, including himself, could think the card played a bigger role in the process.

### **11-6 Ran 5 P.M. News (:30)**

A class of Purdue political science students conducted an exit poll. Students in groups of 2 to 3 were placed at different polling stations across the county. The surveys are confidential including questions about who people are voting for and what brought them out to the polls. Political science student Andie Slomka was among the students handing out surveys today. She isn't sure what results to expect but she's interested to find out.

### **11-12 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31)**

The campaign kicked off Friday with an event at the Indiana State Museum. Like many colleges across the nation, Wabash is experiencing the issue of the cost of higher education increasing and male enrollment decreasing. Wabash College is one of four male-only colleges left in the U-S. Wabash theological ethics professor Steve Bowen and his wife are helping with a 2-million-dollar donation.

### **11-12 Ran 5 P.M. News (:32)**

Purdue's Office of Undergraduate Research premiered its first Fall Undergraduate Research Expo earlier this afternoon. The event was open to the public and gave students the opportunity to share research projects from the summer and fall semesters. Because this was the first expo held in the fall. It gave students who are graduating early the chance to get feedback from students, professors and the public. Associate Director of Undergraduate Research.. J.J Sadler.. spoke about why the community was invited to take part in the expo.

### **11-13 Ran Morning News (:37)**

The Indiana Superintendent of Schools met with News 18 yesterday. She says students will have to meet three "buckets". The first is to meet the set credit requirements. The second is to have work base ready learning or service based learning to improve competency in those areas.

### **11-13 Ran 5 P.M. News (:25)**

An email was sent to a number of Purdue graduates in September detailing the program. This was used as a trial to test the Brain Gain Initiative. It quickly proved to be successful. More than 200 people have

responded to the survey gauging interest in returning to Indiana. Respondents include marketing executives and scientists. Daniels hopes to see other universities create their own versions of the Brain Gain

### **11-13 Ran 5 P.M. News (:33)**

Kinsa and Lysol are responsible for the technology. It doesn't just take your temp, it also connects to your phone and keeps track of symptoms. That information can be shared with the school nurse so she can let other parents know what type of sickness is going around. Kelly Bol says a lot of parents can't afford or find their thermometer at home.

### **11-15 Ran 6 P.M. News (1:32)**

That drop in enrollment is specifically hurting schools in the Midwest. Whereas schools on the coast and around the world, are struggling less. And it is worth noting that international students contributed 42 billion dollars to the U-S economy last year.

### **11-19 Ran 6 P.M. News (:40)**

Purdue Global stopped making faculty members sign a nondisclosure agreement before they started teaching, after the American Association of University Professors issued a complaint. That was in September. But professors on the main campus wanted clearer language about academic freedom, and not just a change in policy. Now the chairman of the committee overseeing the school's transition says that language is almost finalized.

### **11-27 Ran 10 P.M. News (:34)**

Longtime Superintendent Kathy Goad left over the summer for the same role in the Linton-Stockton School Corporation. Culp comes to Tri-County from West Central Middle and High School in Francesville. He has served as principal there since 2014. Culp earned his bachelor's degree in education from Purdue University in 1999.

### **12-10 Ran 11 P.M. News (:27)**

On Facebook, the department said it had learned of a "dark colored, 4- door passenger car" approaching children at a bus stop near the boys and girls club. They're asking anyone with information to reach out to the department. Tips can also be texted to the number "8-8-8-7-7-7" with "Tip Frankfort-P-D" as the first line.

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Many local road projects finally wrap up with new closings on the horizon. One of Lafayette's oldest neighborhoods sees the first phase of a massive renovation project begin and many old buildings around GLA come down to hopefully build back up anew.

### **10-22 Ran Morning News (:33) Infrastructure**

Our area continues to be effected by power outages that first began Saturday night. Duke Energy says Tippecanoe County was one of the hardest hit counties across the state by Saturday's strong wind storm. They say they saw power outages in 69 out of all 92 Indiana counties. According to Duke's website nearly 60-thousand Tippecanoe County residents lost power. Currently about 15-hundred are still without power. That number has drastically gone down from 5-thousand people at our 6 o'clock report yesterday. Duke says their goal is to have all power restored by 6 P-M tonight.

### **10-24 Ran Noon News (:19) Infrastructure/Transportation**

Main Street has reopened between Perdue Street and Wallace Avenue. It was closed for a little more than a month. During that time, crews re-routed a water main across the street in two locations. It's part of preparations for upcoming renovations at Loeb Stadium.

### **10-24 Ran Noon News (:35) Infrastructure**

During the meeting you'll have a chance to share what you would like to see in this space. If you take a look at your screen here is one of the designs the city has created already. Some ideas include a new bike and pedestrian path, a community garden and boardwalk. Now, the space is used to collect storm water from several surrounding neighborhoods. But the goal is to have an area resident can enjoy while storm water is still able to flow through this space.

### **10-24 Ran 5 P.M. News (:24) Transportation**

This is thought to be the first academic study on this topic. It will look into the best practices for using e-scooters in an urban environment. With the rapid growth in popularity with e-scooters, researchers also want to find ways to make them safer. The initial study will last four weeks. Aaron Madrid is the Alternative Transportation Coordinator on campus. He hopes the study will help find user trends.

### **10-24 Ran 6 P.M. News (:36) Infrastructure**

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will take public comment on November 7 at Seymour High School, and November 26 in Gary City Hall. Both hearings start at six p-m local time. Consumers can also send written comments to the I-U-R-C by December 14th.

### **10-25 Ran Noon News (:34) Transportation/Infrastructure**

Over the past 4 years, the 35-million-dollar project was broken up into three phases. Engineers worked to restore the road between Greenbush and Main Streets. It was owned by Indiana Department of

Transportation, but the city of Lafayette took over in 2012. Improvements include updated intersections, traffic signals and new pavement. The purpose was to revitalize this area to benefit both drivers and pedestrians.

#### **10-25 Ran 5 P.M. News (:31) Infrastructure**

Star Crossing Apartment Complex is being built at the corner of 5th and South Streets. Developers met with the Lafayette Redevelopment Commission today to show how the finished product will look. The 76-Hundred square foot development includes 76 luxury apartments and 3 parking garage areas. A partner with Star City Crossing says they are looking to fill the ground floor with all sorts of different clients.

#### **10-25 Ran 11 P.M. News (:38) Infrastructure**

A luxury apartment complex in downtown Lafayette isn't ready for tenants just yet. But, the development is ready for clients to fill the ground floor.

Developers met with the Lafayette Redevelopment Commission today to show how the finished product will look. Star Crossing Apartment Complex is being built at the corner of 5th and South Streets. The 76-Hundred square foot development includes 76 luxury apartments and a 2-level parking garage. A partner with Star City Crossing says he hopes the main floor will be filled with retail spaces, restaurants or business offices. But he's most looking forward to the upscale apartments.

#### **11-1 Ran 5 P.M. News (:36) Infrastructure**

Duke Energy gave DNR three potential locations for the power lines. It can put them on the farm. It can build them on land DNR plans to develop. Or DNR can purchase new land for the lines. The farm would be the cheapest place for the project. But Prophetstown Board President Steve Dietrich hopes DNR doesn't just consider money.

#### **11-1 Ran 5 P.M. News (:26) Infrastructure**

A traffic alert for drivers on campus - work on a new residence hall is closing a stretch of Martin Jischke Drive indefinitely. Purdue police say it starts Monday between First and Third Streets. It's due to construction of the Meredith South residence hall. The section of road will be used as a staging area for workers. It will be reopened for things like athletic events and graduation. Police say the timeline for the project is around 18 months.

#### **11-2 Ran Noon News (:33) Infrastructure**

In May, Trinitas Ventures announced they are tearing down the mall and rebuilding a new complex. What that includes is up to the community. Representatives will be set up at HotBox Pizza from 1 to 5 p.m. today. By then end of the year, Trinitas Ventures hope to have an idea of what the future of the mall will look like. The company plans to begin construction in late 2019.

### **11-6 Ran Noon News (:24) Transportation**

If you need help getting to the polls today, companies like Uber, Lyft and Zipcar are offering free or discounted rides. In 2016, 15 million people cited transportation as a key reason for not voting. That's according to research out of Tufts University. Some of the ride-hailing companies have partnered with non-profit organizations to connect them with voters who need help getting to their polling site.

### **11-6 Ran Noon News (:33) Infrastructure**

The board of works approved the demolition of a vacant building at the corner of 9th and South Streets. The former convenience store will come down to make way for a storm water lift station. That will allow crews to direct water away from areas prone to flooding. Specifically 11th and Main Streets.

### **11-6 Ran 5 P.M. News (:29) Infrastructure**

The ribbon has been cut on a much needed renovation in downtown Lafayette. The 92 - year old Greater Lafayette Commerce building hadn't been renovated since the late seventies. The boiler was leaky.. the windows didn't allow much light in giving prospective business owners a bad representation of the Greater Lafayette community. But now that's all changed. With new office layouts.. large windows and even a loft.. the building is the perfect place for community members to further build up the community.

### **11-7 Ran 5 P.M. News (:25) Transportation**

A traffic alert for drivers in Tippecanoe County. Starting tomorrow, traffic patterns will be back to normal on U-S 52 between County Road 900 South and Dale Drive. That's south of Lafayette. Changes have been in place due to a major patching and resurfacing project along the highway. But for the next week, the left lane in each direction will be closed. During that time, the contractor will be wrapping up work in the area.

### **11-7 Ran 6 P.M. News (:32) Infrastructure**

After two years of negotiations the city is finally able to buy the vacant building on the corner of Main and Kossuth streets. The building will be torn down and turned into a parking lot just in time for the new Loeb Stadium and Columbian Park expansion. Mayor Tony Roswarski says the space will take some burden off street parking in the surrounding neighborhood. He also says the run-down building doesn't match the plan for the rest of the area.

### **11-8 Ran 11 P.M. News (:27) Transportation**

Indiana State Police are preparing for the first snowfall of the year. Troopers are packing extra warm weather gear and getting their cars winter ready. They are also reminding drivers to give themselves extra time for their commute tomorrow morning. Something police often see is car windows not completely scraped. Police say to let your car run before driving so ice and snow can melt, then be sure to scrape off any excess.

### **11-10 Ran 11 P.M. News (:36) Transportation**

Police got the call around 8:40 today. They say it happened at the intersection of State Road 55 and County Road 900 North. That's just one-mile south of State road 10. Police determined that a car driven by a 16-year-old male failed to yield the right of way to another car. That car was driven by a 17-year-old female from Morocco, Indiana. Both drivers, and two juvenile passengers who were in the 16-year-old's car, were taken to the hospital. It is believed that they all had minor injuries. Police say they will continue to look into what happened.

### **11-12 Ran 5 P.M. News (:15) Transportation**

Anderson says another reason they haven't treated is because we are supposed to get rain before the snow. That would wash away the solution. However, he says drivers still need to take it slow because icy rain can sometimes be more dangerous than snow.

### **11-14 Ran Morning News (:31) Transportation/Infrastructure**

Engineers will start extending Cherry Lane in March. After construction, you will be able to drive on Cherry Lane from Northwestern Avenue to U.S. 231. It will go right by the Purdue Baseball stadium. A new traffic signal will then go in at the Cherry Lane and U.S. 231 intersection. There will be new lighting and a multi use path for bikers and pedestrians. The goal is to have everything completed by Purdue's football season next year.

### **11-14 Ran 11 P.M. News (:34) Transportation**

Make sure you have an ice scraper in your car. Troopers say especially at the beginning of the snow season, they see windshields and windows not completely clear. One way to avoid that is to give your car some time to run before you leave home. Police also say waking up a little earlier is always a safe bet to allow for extra travel time. Sgt. Kim Riley says not having clear windows could have consequences.

### **11-15 Ran 11 P.M. News (:42) Transportation**

CityBus is getting ready for the first step in some major bus route and schedule changes. The company plans to phase in several new routes and stops over the next few years, starting in January. The changes were decided after input from the public. It means a new line along Veterans Memorial parkway, as well as extended hours for major lines on both sides of the river.

### **11-16 Ran 10 P.M. News (:35) Infrastructure**

A lot of work and not enough money that's the latest roadblock in the city of Delphi. News 18's Demie Johnson shares how the city will manage to take care of its roads without help from the state.

### **11-18 Ran 6 P.M. News (:41) Transportation**

According to police, Ungaro lost control of the vehicle and struck a tree from the driver's side. He was declared dead on the scene. Police say it's still unknown why he lost control but speed may be a contributing factor. Drugs or alcohol are not believed to be a factor. Ungaro was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. He was a senior at Faith Christian School.

### **11-19 Ran 5 P.M. News (:13) Transportation/Infrastructure**

There's a smile on my face and you can see drivers relieved that at least one lane is open. This project started back in the spring of 2016 and today it has officially opened. A spokeswoman with INDOT told me this bridge was originally built with a steel deck back in 1936. She says it was the end of its life cycle. So this right lane is open today, but contractors are still working on the other side. There is also a multi-use trail that will eventually be connected to other trails in the future.

### **11-20 Ran Noon News (:28) Infrastructure**

The board of works approved a drainage project along South 30th Street. Work will take place along the stretch of Street from Teal Road to Summer Street. It includes about two-thousand feet of new storm sewer. Lafayette Renew Superintendent Brad Talley says work will close portions of the road at times. However, the overall project will solve a big problem for drivers.

### **11-21 Ran 6 P.M. News (:31) Transportation**

A big factor of this is the good weather we are expecting to have. But state and local police will still be available for emergencies. I-S-P is using a tried and true system to keep you safe. It's called Operation CARE. This stands for Combined Accident Reduction Effort. It focuses on reducing crashes by enforcing laws relating to impaired driving, seat belts, speeding and young-adult driver licenses. INDOT will also have crews on standby in case road conditions should change. Debbie Calder from INDOT has some words of advice for drivers.

### **11-25 Ran 11 P.M. News (:35) Transportation**

A mother and her 10-year-old daughter were taken to the hospital after a car crash this afternoon. The West Lafayette Police and fire departments responded to a crash at the intersection of Sagamore Parkway and Nighthawk Drive around 1:30 p.m. Police say the driver in a white truck drove through a yellow light when the woman's car entered the intersection. The passenger side of that car was struck where the 10-year-old was sitting. Police say both the mother and daughter were responsive when they arrived. Their conditions are unknown at this time. The driver and passenger in the truck were not injured.

### **11-27 Ran Morning News (:38) Transportation**

I was lucky and didn't hit any black ice during my commute in West Lafayette. But that's probably won't be the case on all roads across Tippecanoe County. The sheriff's office actually sent out an advisory message last night about the roads. Specifically, they mentioned areas around bridges and overpasses like the one just up the way. On the Sagamore Parkways bridge and on the roads this morning drive with

caution. They mentioned that in some areas there may be black ice. Maybe head out the door this morning with a little earlier to give yourself time to get to work.

### **11-27 Ran 10 P.M. News (:31) Infrastructure**

Last year city officials started a fundraiser to get the house up and running. West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis says as funds pour in certain projects can start. Fundraising efforts still continue as the iconic landmark is ready for a massive makeover. The mayor says all of the construction is dependent upon weather. First step of the cottage is to work on the exterior.

### **11-29 Ran 11 P.M. News (:28) Transportation**

Governor Eric Holcomb says he is withdrawing plans to pursue toll roads in Indiana. He says based on the budget already being used for road improvements, he no longer believes tolls will be necessary. That budget was set in 2017 and included a ten-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase. However, he added that he's not against revisiting the possibility if the financial situation changes. The governor included the state's cost-benefit study of possible toll roads in his release.

### **12-3 Ran 5 P.M. News (:29) Transportation**

It's open to the community in the Walnut room at the West Lafayette Public Library from 4 to 6 in the evening. City bus has been surveying customers for the last 2 years on how to improve the company. Over 2,000 responses. Majority of the responses were about increasing routes and better reliability. That's why the development managers says people should come to the meeting tomorrow to voice their concerns.

### **12-4 Ran 11 P.M. News (:43)**

Power has been restored to most of the 3-thousand households affected by a sudden outage in Clinton county. But we just heard those still in the dark will remain out for several more hours - or even through the night. The outage is due to a car crash that happened around 6:45 p.m. on State Road 26 near Sedalia. Duke says a power pole was snapped. Around 9-30 Clinton County dispatch sent out an alert that the highway would be closed from State Road 75 to State Road 29 so crews could make repairs. The dispatch called it a personal injury crash, but didn't specify the extent of any injuries, or how the crash happened.

### **12-5 Ran 5 P.M. News (:33) Transportation**

Indiana State Police say a teenage boy died in the crash in Marshall County. A second student was airlifted to a hospital. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. Nearly 40 students were on the Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation bus at the time. Police say they're still investigating what the driver of the flatbed was doing before the crash.

### **12-9 Ran 6 P.M. News (:30) Infrastructure**

U-S Senator Todd Young says Indiana will receive two federal grants totaling 40-million dollars. It will be used to increase the capacity of sections of Interstate 65 in south central and north central Indiana. Young says the two grants from the U-S Department will upgrade 4 miles of I-65 southwest of Columbus and 6 miles north of Lebanon. The money will pay for reconstructing existing lanes, adding additional travel lanes in both directions and appropriate shoulders, and improving bridges and ramps.

#### **12-10 Ran 6 P.M. News (:21) Transportation**

If you haven't noticed more than 2 thousand 500 Bird scooters have found their home in Greater Lafayette. The West Lafayette Mayor says this a problem. They're being misused mishandled and misplaced.

#### **12-14 Ran 5 P.M. News (:27) Transportation**

The Tippecanoe County Sheriff's office is confirming that alcohol contributed to an early morning crash. It happened around five o'clock this morning near State Road 25 South and 1050 South. Deputies say 30-year-old Corina Sanchez of Illinois missed a curve and was ejected from the car. Police say Sanchez was not wearing a seat belt and the only person in the car. Sergeant Matt Couch says Sanchez was taken to Franciscan Lafayette East with "serious injuries

#### **12-15 Ran 5 P.M. News (:14) Infrastructure**

Tippecanoe County is footing the bill so a former hotel in Battle Ground can come down. The former Days Inn off I-65 and State Road 43 has sat vacant since 2003.

#### **12-15 Ran 5 P.M. News (:35) Infrastructure**

As we've previously reported, it's to allow work to begin on the Morton Center. The multi-million-dollar renovation will make that building West Lafayette's permanent city hall. All city offices, including controller's office, human resources and the parks department, will be in the new location. Those offices were not in city hall prior to this move. Mayor John Dennis says, while temporary, the building will streamline services for tax payers.

#### **12-19 Ran Morning News (:32) Transportation**

Chargers are supposedly hoarding dozens of scooters at a time, trying to cash in extra money. People who charge birds get a base pay of 5 dollars per scooter. But that pay can increase to 20 dollars based on where scooters are located and how much charging they need.