

Quarterly Issues Programs List for WXR-D-FM
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WXR-D-FM provides coverage of community issues in newscasts at regularly-scheduled times Monday through Friday. WXR-D-FM newscasts run approximately 90-to-120 seconds in length at the top of the hour, 5a-6p Mon-Fri, approximately 90-to-120-seconds bottom-of-hour 5:30a-6:30p. Community issues are chosen by assessing the various topics of concern that are evident in our listening area.

Description of Issue	Date	Approx. Length	Content of Program/Segment (news story) Providing Issue Coverage:
Infrastructure/ Transportation			
	04/06/23	:20	In Lake County, Gary/Chicago International Airport hosted a ceremony (Apr 5) to celebrate \$6 million in federal funds secured by Congressman Frank J. Mrvan to support air cargo infrastructure enhancements. The airport says the air cargo service sector has become an increasingly important driver of the airport, and by extension, of Northwest Indiana, since global logistics provider UPS began operations in late 2020.
	04/06/23	:28	A measure authored by State Senator Eddie Melton of Gary to spur economic development passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee unanimously (April 5 th) . Senate Bill 434 would authorize the creation of a convention center and community blight elimination as well as funding to support the revitalization of the Gary Metro station, a news release from Melton said. Melton said the measure “will be transformational for Gary, Lake County and the State of Indiana” and he looks forward to continuing to fine-tune the bill.
	04/06/23	:50	In Merrillville, the town is collaborating with state and local officials in pursuit of a disaster declaration in connection with the EF-1 tornado and severe storms that caused destruction in the community last week. President and Ward 5 Councilman Rick Bella says they are looking for any kind of assistance that either the state or federal government can provide... 4-5-23_bella-assistance :15 oc: property damage The EF-1 tornado was confirmed earlier, Merrillville to Hobart, occurring 8:53 to 9 pm, with a path length of four-point-two miles.
	04/06/23	:30	Hoosiers impacted by last week's storms are being asked to contact 2-1-1 to report a comprehensive list of damage. In a release from Porter County Emergency Management, The Indiana Department of Homeland Security will manage damage assessments and serve as the liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in determining

			whether impacted Hoosiers may qualify for individual assistance and public assistance. They also say any agricultural damage should be reported to Purdue Extension.
	04/20/23	:30	Region planners say the draft NWI 2050+ plan envisions “a Region which is connected, renewed, united, and vibrant” and “takes a deeper dive into several topics of importance to Northwest Indiana including roadways, transit, freight traffic, active transportation networks, land use patterns, and climate change”. Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, or NIRPC (nerp-see), held a series of open houses in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties over the past few weeks on the plan and said it's also available on their website for review and comments.
	05/15/23	:22	The Indiana Department of Transportation announces opportunities to learn more and provide comments on the draft 2024-2028 State Transportation Improvement Program, a federally-required five-year planning and construction document. Local open houses will be Wednesday, May 24 at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center in Merrillville, 1 to 3 p.m. CT and 4 to 6 p.m. There will also be a virtual presentation on June 1 st .
	05/24/23	:34	The operators of the South Shore Line say Double Track Northwest Indiana is over 65-percent complete. An update this week (May 22) said a focal point for spring/summer is to finish what Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District calls the “Bailly Section” west of Dune Park Station past the at-grade entry road into Cleveland-Cliffs in Burns Harbor. In Gary, the commuter rail said Miller Station work should be done by the end of summer and all work in Michigan City is currently scheduled for completion in summer 2023. NICTD (nick-dee) also said the project, which is adding a second track between Gary and Michigan City, is on schedule to run passengers on trains May 2024.
	05/24/23	:24	The Indiana Department of Transportation announces opportunities to learn more and provide comments on the draft 2024-2028 State Transportation Improvement Program, a federally-required five-year planning and construction document. Local open houses will be Wednesday, May 24 at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center in Merrillville, 1 to 3 p.m. CT and 4 to 6 p.m. There will also be a virtual presentation on June 1 st .
	05/25/23	:40	In Valparaiso, the city is sharing staging details on major upcoming downtown projects and related infrastructure improvements to enhance sidewalks, streetscape and underground utilities. The Lincoln Highway Garage project will begin first, ultimately adding 362 parking spaces to support The Linc as well as surrounding businesses and homes. The Linc project will follow, adding 121 apartments with retail space on the ground floor of each of three

			buildings. The news release also said with the exception of short-term street lane restrictions and closures, vehicular traffic through the construction area will be maintained during all phases of work. The city has created a web page with maps of pedestrian routes and parking options, and we have that link at our website.
	06/01/23	:30	In Schererville, the Indiana DNR joined local leaders to celebrate a two-point-three-mile extension on the Pennsy Greenway connecting the trail southeast from Rohrman Park to Clark Road. A one-and-a-half-mile section is open now, with the rest slated to be complete in June. Total mileage increases to 12-point-5 miles, connecting Schererville with Crown Point, Munster, and Lansing, Illinois. The Pennsy Greenway is part of the Great American Rail-Trail, a route organized by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy from Washington, D.C. to Washington state.
	06/07/23	:30	The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration Monday (Jun 5) announced it has awarded more than \$570 million in Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program funding to proposed projects in 32 states including Indiana, three in the Region. In Hammond, two at-grade crossings would be removed at Parrish and Arizona Avenues and an overpass called Governors Parkway would be built. In Gary, Buffington Harbor Gateway would close eight rail crossings on Clark Road. And in Schererville, the Kennedy Avenue Railroad Overpass Project would fund final design and construction of a grade separation at a crossing with over 30 trains a day.
	06/20/23	:38	In Crown Point, the city recently provided an update on the Sauerman Woods Park Improvement Project. Groundbreaking last September includes demolition of Hub Pool and excavation of a new pond. Mayor Pete Land said new amenities will include an illuminated 9-foot walking path around the pond; open green space; playground equipment for children of all abilities; an open-air pavilion with picnic tables; six pickleball and six sand volleyball courts; and 84 parking spaces. When work is complete, visitors will also be able to reflect on those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with a tribute by the Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, the city said. The final phase includes a roundabout at U.S. 231 and South Street and is slated to be complete in 2025.
	06/27/23 06/28/23	:43	In Valparaiso, the city says Valpo Parks has initiated bids for work on the Valpo Sports and Recreation Campus planned just east of 49, stretching from Vale Park Road up to 500 North. Phase One projects will include: 4 multipurpose fields, 10 pickleball courts; a customized, accessible playground with a design that highlights the natural setting of the park; a cross country course with multi-purpose trails designed with Valparaiso High School to be a shared space;

			and a wildlife sanctuary in partnership with the U-S Fish and Wildlife Service restoring 14 acres to native prairie. Valpo Parks Assistant Director Kevin Nuppna (NUP-now) says they'd like to see work begin by late summer for these projects which are anticipated to take 12 to 15 months to complete. You can see a map of the planned campus at our website.
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Business/Economy/ Jobs			
	04/06/23	:30	Cleveland-Cliffs has issued its Sustainability Report for 2022, noting greenhouse gas emissions were below their reduction goal of 25-percent in advance of the 2030 target year. The steelmaker, with plants in Burns Harbor, Gary and East Chicago, said other highlights include enhanced water and waste optimization systems for increased recycling and reuse, and \$7.4 million donated to local communities through the Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation, strategic partnerships, site-specific programs and events, and employee matching gifts.
	04/21/23	:65	A closer look... An article about teens in the workforce from a Hoosier author has been published as Mike Bonaventura reports... 4-20-23_teenemployment_MB :56 oc: standard Teen employment rates have been dropping nationally since the year 2000 when statistics say it was the peak of such employment. President and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute Tami Silverman... 4-20-23_tamiteen1 :23 oc: 32% Silverman says teens should consider working a service job to build skills for the future... :05 oc: young person Silverman has written an article about teen employment available at their website i-y-i-dot-org
	05/11/23	:83	In Region business news...Crossroads Northwest Indiana's Chamber has a new website and expanded mission to connect NWI businesses. President & CEO Deann Patena (puh-TEE-nuh) says they are a valuable resource... 5-9-23_patena1 :23 oc: your business Crossroads Northwest Indiana's Chamber hosts multiple events to connect with other region businesses... 5-9-23_patena2 :34 oc: resources that we offer The website is crossroads-chamber-dot-org

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Environment			
	04/06/23	:40	<p>There have been 478 tornado reports so far this year across 25 states including Indiana, one of the busiest starts to the season recorded. According to the National Weather Service, only 2017 and 2008 had more at this point in the year. Experts say a warmer-than-usual winter in the South fueled the high number of tornado reports. Milder winter conditions create an instability in the atmosphere that is key for severe storms. An EF-1 tornado was confirmed in Merrillville during storms March 31st, and the National Weather Service in Chicago says additional investigation continues into other locations of potential tornado damage including Valparaiso and Portage.</p>
	04/18/23	:70	<p>A closer look...</p> <p>With Earth Day ahead, a number of local events and cleanups are planned including Portage Township Trustee Brendan Clancy's Team Up 2 Clean Up and the Village of Lansing Cleanup Day both Saturday April 22. INDOT's roadside trash pick-up event, "Trash Bash" is Friday thru Sunday (Apr21-23). And this Saturday April 22nd is the Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County's Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration at the Porter County Expo Center.</p> <p>In California, hundreds of thousands of pounds of litter are found each year on beaches, and Nick Mallos with Ocean Conservancy says some items continue to turn up with striking regularity.</p> <p>NickMallos_1 :06 ...containers.</p> <p>Cigarette butts, which contain plastic filters, have held the number one spot in all but one of the last 38 years. Mallos offers this advice to help keep the Earth clean:</p> <p>NickMallos_3_1 :14 ...than the way you found it.</p> <p>California has some of the strongest plastics legislation in the country, including the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.</p>
	04/20/23	:27	<p>In Crown Point, the city's arbor day celebration kicks off spring at the end of this month. An Arbor Day ceremony will take place Friday April 28 at Kaiser Park on South Main Street near Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School. Mayor Pete Land will read a proclamation and lead a ceremonial tree planting. The Hub City has been a tree city USA community for 20 years. Immediately following the ceremony city staff and volunteers will convene at the sportsplex for the third annual spring clean-up day from 3 to 5pm.</p>

	04/21/23	:32	The Indiana Department of Transportation is celebrating Earth Day with a roadside trash pick-up event. "Trash Bash", back this year for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic, is an opportunity for volunteers to help beautify the state's roadsides. The event today Fri, April 21 st through Sunday, April 23 rd is expected to collect thousands of filled bags. Participants are connected with an INDOT representative and receive an assigned clean-up location, a briefing on roadside safety, and collection bags. We have more information at our website.
	04/21/23	:42	From Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website...In West Lafayette, Purdue says it is on track to plant the number of trees in their 2020 Physical Facilities Sustainability Plan by 2025. The total, 3,738, was determined by doubling 1,869 -- or 18-69, the year Purdue was founded. Grounds Director Phil Richey says they've been "very strategic with planting new trees that provide a healthy, diverse tree canopy in specific locations across campus." An Arbor Day tree planting on April 28 will also highlight the 14th consecutive year of Purdue receiving the Tree Campus USA award. Volunteers will help plant more than 140 native trees at the new David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex.
	04/28/23	:64	<p>In Crown Point, the city's arbor day celebration is today Friday April 28, 2:30 pm at Kaiser Park on South Main Street. The Hub City has been a tree city USA community for 20 years. Immediately following the ceremony city staff and volunteers will convene at the sportsplex for the third annual spring clean-up day from 3 to 5pm.</p> <p>In Valparaiso, the city has a tree planting event this weekend. Saturday April 29 Arborist Matt McBain will visit the Banta Center 930am to noon and talk about how to plant and care for trees. The city held another tree planting event earlier this month. McBain said in total 70 trees will be planted this spring. National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April.</p> <p>In Michigan, a bill introduced by six state Senate Democrats this week would outlaw intentional releases of balloons. The bill is aimed to protect the Great Lakes, as over 18-thousand were found on the shores of the lakes in 2018 and 2019 by the nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes. The bill exempts hot air balloons and balloons launched for scientific purposes. At least ten other states already have a ban in place.</p>
	04/28/23	:27	From Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website... Shirley Heinze (hines) Land Trust announces their Spring Benefit Fundraiser will be May 20 th at Urschel Pavilion in downtown Valparaiso. Executive Director Kris Krouse says the theme this year is 'Growing a Community of

			Stewards' exemplifying the work of their stewardship staff and volunteers. The organization says about three-thousand acres in Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, and Marshall Counties have been preserved.
	05/08/23	:68	<p>A closer look... Porter County-based Shirley Heinze (hines) Land Trust announces their Spring Benefit Fundraiser will be May 20th at Urschel Pavilion in downtown Valparaiso. Laura Waluszko has more:</p> <p>Heinze23Spring-lw wrap :58 ...lw. Programs coordinator Mari Patis (MAHHR-ee PATT-iss) says tickets are available for purchase thru May 12th... Mari_Heinze23SpringBenefit :40 ...get them now. We have a link and more details about the event at Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website. The organization says about three-thousand acres across Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, and Marshall Counties have been preserved.</p>
	05/10/23	:60	<p>You can learn about birding in Poland's National Parks at the Indiana Dunes visitors center tonight Wednesday May 10 beginning at 6pm as Mike Bonaventura reports...</p> <p>5-2-23_polishbirdswrap_MB :46 oc: standard</p> <p>A release from the Dunes says in central Europe, Poland sits at both the geographical and the birding crossroads of the continent and the country's diverse and rich habitats make it an excellent location for both nesting and migratory bird species. You can meet park officials from three of Poland's National Parks to explore the country's birdlife and to learn more about these special places and the "sister park" agreement that Indiana Dunes National Park shares with Poland. Magdalena Jedro of Kampinoski National Park, Adam Olszewski of Slovinski National Park and Artur Wiatr of Biebrza National Park will share their birding experiences. The visitor center is located at 1215 N. State Road 49 in Porter.</p>
	05/15/23 05/18/23	:30	<p>In Lake County, state environmental officials say area residents have a chance this week to learn about and engage with restoration efforts within the Grand Calumet River Area of Concern. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management and partner organizations encourage those living or working in East Chicago, Hammond, Whiting, and Gary to attend a free open house-style event Thursday, May 18 from 3 to 6 pm at the East Chicago Library Pastrick Branch on West Chicago Avenue. IDEM says community members can come anytime during the open house to talk with project and program staff.</p>
	05/16/23	:41	<p>In Valparaiso, Northwest Indiana Partners for Clean Air presented their annual awards honoring voluntary efforts to improve air quality in the Region. Construction contractor</p>

			G.E. Marshall received the Business Award for replacing four diesel excavators and one port drayage truck with new equipment that will reduce their annual emissions. Voss Equipment received the Industrial Award for upgrading the Trackmobile railcar mover at Cleveland-Cliffs' Indiana Harbor steel plant in East Chicago. The City of Portage received the Municipal Award for transitioning its refuse and recycling fleet to compressed natural gas. Jerry Jackson of La Porte received the Mark Siminski Bicycle Award for his work on the La Porte County Family YMCA's Tour de La Porte, a walking, running, and cycling event.
	06/01/23	:22	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently announced over ten-million dollars in BEACH – Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health – grants to help coastal and Great Lakes communities protect the health of beachgoers this summer, including 220-thousand dollars to Indiana. Officials say the funding will assist in conducting water quality monitoring and programs to notify the public when bacteria levels are too high for safe swimming.

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Health/Public Safety			
	04/04/23	:30	A new study shows that Alzheimer's disease hits women harder than men for biological reasons that haven't been understood thus far. The Alzheimer's Association says women who went through menopause early, before age 45, or women who tried hormone replacement therapy five years after menopause have higher levels of a specific protein in their brains and high amounts of that protein are red flags for Alzheimer's disease. The study's lead author said this is the first study that shows that using delayed hormone replacement therapy is linked to a higher chance of Alzheimer's.
	04/18/23	:32	Crown Point Police are brewing up community connections with their first "Coffee With a Cop" event since 2017. According to a press release, the event will be held Tuesday, April 25th from 8 until 10am at Steamwhistle Coffee Roasters on South Court Street. Crown Point Police Chief Ryan Patrick hopes casual conversation over a cup of coffee will provide the community with a chance to connect with officers in a fun, casual environment. The department plans to hold Coffee With a Cop quarterly at various coffee shops around the city.
	04/18/23	:30	This is National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 17-21) and Governor Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation Monday officially kicked off the 2023 construction season. They shared the importance of safety

			<p>as INDOT road projects begin across the state, nearly 12-hundred this year. Drivers are encouraged to "Know Before You Go" by visiting 511in.org or downloading INDOT's TrafficWise app to see real-time conditions and project updates. Hoosiers can help promote work zone safety by sharing messaging on social media and wearing orange or hi-vis gear Wednesday (Apr 19).</p>
	04/26/23	:95	<p>Spotlight on health...</p> <p>The W-H-O has its eye on a new COVID variant. The World Health Organization says the variant referred to as Arcturus (ark-TURR-us) is a subvariant of omicron and is the dominant variant currently in India. The variant is behind a wave of sickness in India that's mostly mild, but it's also been seen in the United States and 31 other countries.</p> <p>A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is finding roughly one in three U.S. households used the free at-home COVID tests given by the Biden administration. Brian Shook has more Covidhometests_1 :18 SOQ</p> <p>YouTube is changing its rules over videos about eating disorders. While the streaming service doesn't allow content that promotes eating disorders, the site will now ban content that shows behavior like purging after eating that some people could be drawn to imitate. Videos that show similar behavior in the context of recovering from a disorder will still be allowed, but users will have to be 18 or older to see it.</p> <p>The U.S. suicide rate was back at a near-record high in 2021, according to a new CDC report. It was the 11th highest cause of death, with 14 suicides per 100-thousand people. For people ages 10 to 34, it was the second leading cause of death. The jump reversed two years of declining rates.</p> <p>If you or anyone you love is in need of help, the number for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is 988.</p>
	04/28/23	:27	<p>A public health bill is heading to Indiana Governor Holcomb's desk. The legislation would set which public health services county health departments need to provide to qualify for more state funding. Those efforts include working to prevent obesity and diabetes, efforts for tobacco control, and sanitary inspections of public buildings. Lawmakers finalized the funding this week after passing Senate Bill 4. It will get 75-million dollars in 2024 and 150-million in 2025, if it's signed into law.</p>
	05/01/23	:94	<p>Spotlight on health...</p> <p>The CDC is going to stop tracking the spread of COVID-19 in</p>

			<p>communities across the U.S. Previously, the agency used a color-coding system to track the transmission of COVID in every county. On Friday the agency announced they'll be moving away from tracking community level transmission and instead focus on COVID-related hospitalizations. They say due to the number of reported cases steadily falling and the availability of at-home tests increasing, it's difficult to get a realistic view of how much the virus is circulating. They'll end community level tracking on May 11th, when the national public health emergency also expires.</p> <p>A new bill would ban kids under the age of 13 from joining social media platforms. The bipartisan federal legislation introduced last week would also require parental consent for 13 through 17-year-olds to use the apps. Social media companies would be prohibited from recommending content using algorithms for users under 18.</p> <p>California air regulators are enacting new zero-emission rules for locomotives and fleets of heavier vehicles. Scott Carr has details: CANewAirRulesCarr_1 :36 soq</p>
	05/08/23	:26	<p>A mental health bill passed by the Indiana House and Senate is now signed into law. Governor Holcomb put his signature on Senate Bill 1 Thursday, establishing a statewide crisis response system for Hoosiers experiencing a mental health crisis. This includes funding so that those who call the 988 help line can speak with a licensed social worker, and if needed, a mobile response unit can be sent to the person's home. That unit would include a social worker and a peer coach. About 100-million dollars was appropriated for the measure over the next two years.</p>
	05/10/23	:34	<p>In Valparaiso, the Porter County Health Department unveiled its new mobile medical clinic during a ribbon cutting at Central Park Plaza Tuesday. Inside the 25-foot-long vehicle is a full-size fully-equipped exam room, medical refrigerator, restroom, blood draw chair and waiting room area. The announcement said the mobile clinic will provide a variety of services, including immunizations, health screenings at local events, taking part in community risk reduction initiatives, and increasing the health department's presence in the community. The health department says the vehicle is set to hit the streets May 26th at Living Hope Community Church in Valparaiso for a homeless outreach service event. You can see photos of the vehicle at our website.</p>
	05/12/23	:65	<p>Spotlight on health... The COVID public health emergency declared in 2020 expired Thursday. Doctors say the biggest change will be an end to federal funding for more free vaccines.</p>

			<p>COVIDEmergencyEnds2_1 :04 ...will last. Dr. Jason Rosenfeld at the University of Texas Health System says they want people to get vaccinated now while it's still free:</p> <p>COVIDEmergencyEnds3_1 :05 ...death. As of Wednesday (May 10) Indiana's dashboard showed the state with a seven-day average of 26 COVID-19 hospitalizations. State health officials say there have been a total of 25-thousand-219 COVID deaths across Indiana since March 2020, and 1,227 probable deaths.</p> <p>The results of a new clinical trial show a new wearable patch could prevent allergic reactions in toddlers with peanut allergies. Children's Hospital Colorado Pediatrics Allergy and Immunology Physician, Dr. Matthew Greenhawt, says it's aiming to provide an accidental exposure buffer.</p> <p>IDDGreenhawPeanut_1 :05 ...cause a reaction. So far, there are no FDA-approved treatments for children under four with peanut allergies.</p>
	05/15/23	:80	<p>Spotlight on health...</p> <p>Purdue University Extension-Lake County says a series of "Wits Workout" sessions promoting brain health in older adults will be offered at local libraries between June - August. University of Illinois Extension developed Wits Workout. The co-author says "Just like muscles, our brains need exercise to maintain flexibility and strength," and, "Challenging ourselves with new and diverse activities promotes cognitive health and can help maintain brain function as we age." Participating libraries include: Crown Point, Dyer-Schererville, Lowell, St. John, and Whiting. You do not have to attend all sessions to register; register for the series by contacting one of the library locations listed.</p> <p>It's Mental Health Month and one Psychologist says a focus on gratitude impacts everyone's well-being. Psychologist Tam Nguyen [win] with Sutter Mental Health Services says gratitude can act as a counter action.</p> <p>IDDGratitudecounteract_1 :13 oc: our lives</p> <p>She says gratitude stimulates certain parts of the brain, improves mood, sleep, and functioning. Gratitude can decrease depression, anxiety, difficulties with chronic pain and risk of disease. For long term benefits she says it's just like any other exercise for health and requires the routine and regular practice of engaging in gratitude.</p>
	05/18/23 05/19/23	:27	<p>Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch described this week's Mental Health Summit in Indianapolis as historic as more than 500 community leaders, mental health professionals,</p>

			and state officials participated. Governor Holcomb and Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush were among those at the inaugural event. Crouch said she is “so appreciative of the collaborative work being done at every level to assist Hoosiers struggling with mental illness and addiction issues” and that Tuesday “was an example of that effort.”
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Community Outreach, Public Involvement			
	04/18/23	:70	Neighbors helping neighbors... The Crown Point Fire Department is hosting their annual dodgeball tournament to raise money for the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation. Spokesman Dale Holsti 4-13-23_holsti1 :22 oc: this event Holsti says the event is fun for spectators... 4-13-23_holsti3 :18 oc: in NWI It's Sunday April 30 th at the Sparta Dome in the Hub City and you can find details at the Crown Point Fire Rescue facebook page.
	04/21/23	:42	April is National Volunteer Month, and the American Red Cross is celebrating the millions who volunteer to give blood, platelets and plasma throughout the year. And this month, the Red Cross says it's joining forces with a familiar comic strip as a reminder that it's cool to be kind and help save lives. As a thank-you, all who come to give thru April 23rd receive an exclusive Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as Joe Cool while supplies last. The Red Cross says blood is in short supply, adding that blood can also expire. IDDRedCrossOfficial_1 :08 ...need for blood. Northwest Indiana blood drives can be found on the Red Cross website.
	04/21/23	:30	Rebuilding Together of South Lake County says this year's Christmas in September Day will be in the Cedar Lake area. On Saturday, September 16th, volunteers will paint, repair and perform needed maintenance for limited income homeowners, often senior citizens or disabled. Applications due May 15 th are available at Lake County Community Services in Crown Point, Cedar Lake Town Hall, and the Rebuilding Together of South Lake County website. The chapter started in 1995, and serves Lowell, Cedar Lake, Crown Point and Merrillville on a rotating basis.
	05/15/23	:65	A closer look... In Valparaiso, The Caring Place is hosting a

	05/16/23		<p>film screening this week about elder abuse called “Secrets in America.” President and CEO Denise Koebcke (kipe-kee)... 5-9-23_secretsdk1 :21 oc: elder abuse Ivy Tech Program Chair and Professor of Human Services Don Spears will be on an expert panel following the movie... 5-9-23_secretsdk2 :13 oc: audience “Secrets in America” will be shown at Ivy Tech Valparaiso Campus Tuesday May 16 at 5pm and details can be found at the Caring Place facebook page. You can hear more Region Newsmakers at news audio on demand at our website.</p>
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Education			
	05/03/23	:40	The Indiana General Assembly has approved 1,650 additional seats for The Excel Center, Goodwill’s high school for adults. The news release said since 2010, over 7,500 students have graduated from The Excel Center’s 19 Indiana locations. There are two in the Region, one in Gary and one in Hammond. Goodwill says the Excel Center offers adults the opportunity to earn a Core 40 diploma, allowing students to pick up where they left off in school and providing support and resources for students to meet their goals.
	05/10/23	:28	The Indiana Court of Appeals is getting national recognition for “Appeals on Wheels”, receiving the National Center for State Courts 2023 Sandra Day O’Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education. For years the appellate court has conducted traveling oral arguments at a variety of locations statewide, from schools to retirement homes and conference centers, more than 650 since 2000. “The incredible feat of reaching all 92 Indiana counties is about much more than holding an oral argument,” wrote Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush in her nomination letter, stating also “The Appeals on Wheels program provides in-person civics education to the tens, hundreds, sometimes thousands of Hoosiers in attendance at each event.”
	05/11/23	:26	The Indiana Department of Education Monday said 19 schools are newly certified as leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – STEM – education, and locally they include the Gary Community School Corporation's Beveridge Elementary School and Glen Park Academy. Barker Middle School in Michigan City is among this year's schools renewing STEM Certification. And the newly-added Developing in STEM Certification, includes Hammond Central and Morton High Schools, and Kingsford

			Heights Elementary in LaPorte County.
	05/11/23	:50	<p>A closer look... In Porter County, Ivy Tech Community College will honor over 1,400 graduates today/Thursday May 11th during commencement at the Valparaiso University Athletics Recreation Center. Director of Marketing at Ivy Tech Erika Mihalek (mih-HAHL-ek): erika_1 :26 ...needs.</p> <p>Keynote speaker at this evening ceremony will be LaPorte Mayor Tom Dermody (DERM'-uh-dee). Mihalek added: erika_2 :12 ...you did it.</p> <p>Commencement will be livestreamed on the Ivy Tech Valparaiso Facebook page and we have that link at our website.</p>