

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:
Health/Public Safety			
	01/04/23	:50	<p>In West Lafayette, Purdue says the FDA has approved a new use for an imaging agent that will help in removing lung cancer. Cytalux (site^l-uh-lux) illuminates tumors making them glow so they're more visible during surgery. Philip Low (rhymes with "now"), Purdue's Presidential Scholar for Drug Discovery and Ralph C. Corley Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, is one of the inventors. It was initially developed to target ovarian cancer, and in a Purdue YouTube video, Low explained how it works: Low_fluorescent :22 ...remove them. He says he and his team are also working on other fluorescent dyes to target many other types of cancerous tumors.</p>
	01/04/23	:30	<p>A new study suggests that adults who aren't sufficiently hydrated age faster. Mark Mayfield reports. HydrationAging010323_1 :28 SOQ</p> <p>A new study suggests that adults who aren't sufficiently hydrated age faster. The study, conducted by the National Institutes of Health, looked at eleven-thousand Americans over a period of 25 years. It found that those who weren't drinking enough fluids, as determined by the amount of sodium in their blood, were at higher risk for age-related conditions such as heart failure, kidney disease, dementia, diabetes, stroke and even premature death. The study's authors believe that consistent good hydration could slow the aging process.</p>
	01/06/23	:93	<p>Spotlight on Health:</p> <p>The Indiana Department of Health is encouraging all parents to have their children younger than age 6 tested for lead exposure as part of legislation that took effect January 1st (2023.) A news release said the measure requires all healthcare providers serving children to offer lead testing to their patients, ideally at their 1- and 2-year checkups, or as close as possible to those appointments. Providers also are advised to offer testing to any child younger than age 6 who does not have a record of a prior blood lead test.</p> <p>A new Omicron variant now represents the primary COVID strain seen nationwide. Sara Lee Kessler reports. IDDSLKOmicronVariantXBBNBC_1 :32 SOQ</p>

			<p>Scientists say they've developed a blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease. If validated, the test could allow faster diagnosis and earlier therapies to treat the most common form of dementia. Current diagnosis methods are expensive brain imaging or a painful lumbar puncture, drawing a sample of cerebrospinal (seh-ree'-broh-spinal) fluid from the lower back. One of the University of Pittsburgh researchers involved in the study says a reliable blood test is cheaper, safer, easier to administer, and can improve confidence in diagnosing Alzheimer's.</p>
	01/09/23	:97	<p><i>A region cardiac physician says the life of Buffalo Bills safety Damar (deh-mahr) Hamlin was saved by CPR, Mike Bonaventura has more...</i></p> <p><i>1-6-23_shahcardiacwrap_MB</i></p> <p>****full story****</p> <p>Northwest Health Doctor of Cardiology Dr. Jay Shah...</p> <p>1-6-23_shah-cpr</p> <p>:30 oc: something happened</p> <p>He says good cardiac output is the key to working CPR</p> <p>1-6-23_shah-cpr2</p> <p>:26 oc: rythym</p> <p>The American Heart Association provides a search tool on their website for a list of certified places to learn CPR</p>
	01/10/23	:71	<p>In Hobart, the Fire Department wants the community to know about risk reduction programs and materials available to them. Assistant Fire Chief John Reitz (reets)...</p> <p>1-10-23_reitzfree</p> <p>:23 oc: in safely</p> <p>Reitz says there are two things to remember about heating your dwelling in the winter...</p> <p>1-10-23_reitzcmz</p> <p>:20 oc: too</p> <p>While the department doesn't have carbon monoxide alarms, free smoke alarms provided by the Red Cross and lock boxes are for Hobart residents only and can be obtained by calling the Fire Departments main phone number. You can hear more Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website</p>
	01/16/23	:51	<p>A closer look...</p> <p>In Hobart, fire chief Randy Smith is thanking St. Mary Medical Center as he marks the two-year anniversary of his COVID fight. Smith is a "long hauler," someone experiencing long-lasting symptoms. Community Healthcare System says yesterday (Sun Jan 15th) marked two years since the 60-year-old Smith was released from the hospital after COVID-19 treatment, a two-month stay that included 16 days on a ventilator to give his lungs a chance to rest. During recuperation, Smith read about a fire department on the West Coast that set up a program to connect people with new or gently used medical equipment. He had equipment he no longer needed, like a cane, walker and shower chair, and the Hobart Fire Department Health Equipment Loan Program, HELP, was started. The fire department also began working with the hospital to aid patients in need, from loaning a piece of medical equipment to driving someone to a doctor's appointment. Smith also volunteers to give emotional support to patients. You can read more at our website.</p>

	02/14/23	:24	The Indiana Department of Environmental Management says more than 30,000 gallons of PFAS (p-fass) firefighting foam has been collected from departments statewide in less than a year's time, surpassing a goal set when the free program started nearly a year ago. Indiana is one of only a handful of states to create a PFAS foam collection and disposal program, protecting firefighters and the environment, officials say. Fire departments across the state can voluntarily register. We have a link for details at our website.
	02/16/23	:38	A cardiologist is reminding people that stress impacts the health of hearts. IDD0215GRFaney1_1 :11 ...to raise awareness. Dr. Laura Franey with Corewell Health in Michigan encourages people to exercise to improve their heart health. IDD0215GRFaney2_1 :13 ...help us relax. She says any type of daily stress can impact heart health. She also recommends meditating to help stay calm.
	02/17/23	:17	Almost half of young children in the U.S. don't eat a daily vegetable. That's according to the CDC, which also found that about one in three kids don't get at least one fruit in their daily diet. The results come from more than 18-thousand responses from parents to the 2021 National Survey of Children's Health. They relayed what their kids between the ages of one and five years old ate the previous week.
	02/17/23	:44	The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter will host a virtual kickoff next week for "The Longest Day," a campaign they say is inspired by the summer solstice, the day with the most light. Participants take what they enjoy doing, from hiking, biking, sewing, fitness challenges and more- and turn it into a way to raise funds and awareness – shining their light on the disease. Communications Director Laura Forbes: ALZvirtualevent :17 ...ending this disease. About 110,000 Hoosiers are currently living with Alzheimer's disease. The event will include a doctor sharing his experience of using his passion for pickleball to raise funds and awareness in honor of his parents, who both died with the disease. The virtual kickoff is February 23rd , 6:30 p.m. Eastern. We have a link to sign up at our website.
	03/03/23	:30	A new report says just eleven minutes of moderate exercise each day could lower a person's risk of premature death. Researchers analyzed data from studies involving more than 30-million people around the world. They found that people who were moderately active for 75 minutes a week had lower risks of overall mortality, heart disease, stroke, and various cancers compared to people who were not active. Those activities included hiking, walking briskly, and cycling to work.
	03/07/23	:70	Spotlight on health... A new medication shortage is causing major issues. Albuterol [ahl-byoo-tuh-rol] is used to treat asthma attacks. AsthmaMedShortage1_1 :05 ...acute symptoms. Dr. Erika Gonzalez, who is an asthma specialist, fears the drug shortage could worsen now that a major manufacturer shuttered three of its facilities, meaning there is only one domestic supplier left. Dr. Gonzalez says it will affect a lot of patients. AsthmaMedShortage2_1 :06 ...for your asthma.

			<p>Dr. Gonzalez says the medication is used to give patients quick relief during an asthma attack. AsthmaMedShortage3_1 :04 ...hospital systems. Doctors are calling on the FDA to help.</p> <p>More than half of the world's population is on track to be considered overweight or obese by 2035 according to a new report from the World Obesity Federation which also notes a concerning rise in childhood obesity rates. Based on current trends, childhood obesity could double from 2020 levels. Experts say obesity can lead to numerous health issues including high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes, breathing problems, and clinical depression.</p>
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Community Outreach			
	01/04/23	:23	The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and partner agencies across the state are seeking volunteers to conduct a one-night count of the homeless population. Volunteers are needed in every county on January 25th to help conduct the count and must register no later than January 20 th . We have a link and more information at our website. The Annual Point In Time Count is a census of all unsheltered and sheltered persons experiencing homelessness.
	01/12/23	:28	To celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his call for service to the community, the National Park Service and Friends of Indiana Dunes are sponsoring a food drive Saturday, January 14 th , 9am - noon. Bring canned or other non-perishable foods to the parking lot of the Paul H. Douglas Center or the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center; volunteers will be in the parking lot at both locations so you can even stay in your vehicle. Items collected will be distributed through area food banks. A special Martin Luther King Jr. Day movie will be shown at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center at 1 pm on Monday, January 16 th .
	01/13/23	:80	<p>A closer look... If one of your New Years resolutions was to volunteer at a local non-profit, Mike Bonaventura explains how to do just that in the Region....</p> <p>1-12-23_volunteerfairwrap_MB 1:09 oc: standard</p> <p>In Valparaiso, the chamber of commerce and VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana are holding a non-profit volunteer fair Thursday, January 26. Kurt Gillins, Vice President Programs and Communications with the Valpo Chamber...</p> <p>1-12-23_gillins1 :17 to volunteer Gillins says the theme is "resolve to get involved"</p> <p>1-12-23_gillins2 :17 oc: this year the Volunteer Fair will be held at the Valparaiso Boys and Girls Club on Evans Avenue 10am to 1:30pm Thursday, January 26. It's free and pre-registration is not necessary. We have more</p>

			information at our website. Tag: You can hear more Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.
	01/17/23	:71	On Region Newsmakers... Registration is underway for Little League Challenger Division for the upcoming season. Alycia Tassone has more. Little League Challenger wrap 1:05 ...I'm AT ***Full Story*** Regina Wagoner, with Lakes of the Four Seasons/ Winfield Challengers says registration is open for ages 4 and up for those with physical and intellectual challenges. Wagoner other leagues :14 ..fit for everybody There are many other local divisions including DeMotte, Lowell, Munster, Valpo and more. They are always looking for volunteers. Wagoner on volunteers :26 ...being a DJ Each local division has a website and social media with information on how to register for this season which will begin in early April. You can here more at News Audio on Demand at our website. With the RNT, I'm AT
	02/15/23	:22	In Indianapolis, Hoosiers are rolling up their sleeves at the state capital today (Wed Feb 15) as the American Red Cross hosts a 'Statehouse Day' Blood Drive 9am to 4 pm Eastern. Donors are encouraged to sign up and donate alongside members of the State Legislature. CEO of the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross said with the consistent decrease in blood donations in winter, it's crucial to build up a healthy blood supply heading into Spring.

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Business/Industry/Economy			
	01/03/23	:86	In consumer and business news... looking ahead to 2023 and the outlook for tech jobs, and remote work, from Joe McConnell... McConnell_techandrecession_123022 1:19 ...for companies.
	01/04/23	:42	In business news, a look at wage growth. Erin Real (ray-al) reports.... IDDStayForPay_1322_1 :38 SOQ
	01/04/23	:20	In consumer and business news, 2022 was a rough year for the Nasdaq. Mark Mayfield with more: MoneyMatters010323a_1_nasdaq:18 ...popped.
	01/05/23	:58	On Region Business Insider... this week's featured guest is Tom Carroll, Senior Vice President with NITCO. One of the things he talked to us about is a major project that just recently got underway in Northwest Indiana : Carroll_RegionBusinessInsider :40 ...for a long time.

			You can hear more at Region Business Insider at our website and social media pages. - Carroll talks about how they'll be building fiber to all 13-hundred homes in Hebron, a project that will take about a year that will bring high-speed internet to every home in the community. They'll also be doing DeMotte in parallel, so both towns will get high-speed broadband
	01/13/23	:20	The Indiana Small Business Development Center this week announced applications for the Indiana Technical Assistance Program will be open Monday, January 16 th through Friday February 17. The statewide initiative connects Hoosier small businesses with funding and professional assistance to complete growth and improvement projects, like technology development, business management systems, grant writing, and more.
	02/17/23	:30	A new study says Americans are seeing fewer suits and ties at the office and more casual wear and not just on Fridays. Brie (bree) Tennis has the story. IDDFeb17voicerbccasualfriday_1 :26 SOQ

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Government, Infrastructure			
	01/04/23	:90	Some recent and new changes are coming to the Merrillville business landscape as Mike Bonaventura reports... 1-3-23_BellaBusinessWrap_MB 1:15 oc: standard The Town of Merrillville has had success in getting rid of large vacant buildings. Town President and Ward 5 Councilman Rick Bella says an old supermarket at 73 rd and Taft has been re-purposed... 1-3-23_bellastorage :23 oc: presentable now A new residential complex is in the works for 93 rd and Taft and the town is trying to find a purpose for the old Burlington Coat Factory on Broadway in Century Plaza. Bella says new business ideas are always welcome in town... 1-3-23_bellaideas :18 oc: support he says the council is pleased with the effort... 1-3-23_bellatime
	01/04/23	:15	In Indianapolis, Governor Holcomb will unveil his 2023 Next Level Agenda today. During the event January 4th, Holcomb will announce his legislative and administrative priorities for the 2023 session. The livestream link is available at our website.
	01/05/23	:23, :30, :30 :18	Governor Eric Holcomb released his 2023 Next Level agenda yesterday (Wed). Holcomb says he will pursue transformational changes to the way public health is delivered in the Hoosier state, historic investments in K through 12 education, stronger economic development tools and investing another 500-million dollars in the READI program. In a release from the Governors

			<p>office, he said the state is looking to cover the cost of text books and new literacy initiatives.</p> <p>Indiana Governor Holcomb unveiled his 2023 Next Level Agenda Wednesday, which he says includes historic investments in K through 12 education: Holcomb_EdFunding :17 ...billion. The proposal includes increasing teacher pay and eliminating textbook fees for Hoosier families.</p> <p>Governor Holcomb is requesting funding in the current fiscal year to follow through on major capital projects statewide including one in Northwest Indiana: Holcomb_MegaProjects :15 ...make progress on. Holcomb unveiled his 2023 legislative priorities Wednesday.</p> <p>Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb has proposed raising the starting salary of state police troopers. In announcing his 2023 legislative agenda yesterday, Holcomb also proposed a \$24-point-2 million investment in a regional firefighter training infrastructure to provide a standardized firefighting training model across the state. We have more details on the Governor's Next Level Agenda at our website.</p>
	01/10/23	:44	<p>In Merrillville, a very large building has been erected at 93rd and Mississippi east of the Ameriplex at the Crossroads business park. Town President Rick Bella.... 1-4-22_bella-million :09 oc: building Bella says it will be the first 1-million square foot building in Lake County... 1-4-22_bella-maybe :13 oc: maybe He says businesses in Illinois are fleeing to re-locate in Indiana and with Merrillville's location, population and road structures it's been attractive for those companies to reside in town.</p>
	01/11/23	:47	<p>Governor Eric Holcomb delivered his 2023 State of the State address to a joint session of the Indiana General Assembly in the House of Representatives chamber Tuesday night, and talked about three sets of goals. holcomb_2023threegoals :35 ...pathways we offer. We have a link to watch the speech at our website.</p>
	01/13/23	:50	<p>In his State of the State this week, Governor Holcomb announced development of the longest trail in the Hoosier state, spanning five counties in southern Indiana along an well-known old abandoned rail corridor: holcomb_LongestTrail :19 ...in the state.</p> <p>The governors office says about 440,000 people live within 10 miles of what will be called the Monon South Trail. In some history, by 1854 the New Albany and Salem railroad was complete from New Albany to Michigan City; in 1956, the railroad officially adopted the Monon (moh-non) name. You can see a map showing</p>

			the trail route at our website.
	01/16/23	:35	In Winfield, the town announces it is beginning the process of updating its comprehensive plan. The blueprint for neighborhoods, commercial retail areas, parks and recreation, transportation, trails, and utilities will create a foundation for the next 10 to 20 years of growth and development, officials said. The current plan was adopted in 1993 and last amended in 2007. A public kick-off will be held February 15 th , 6pm – 7:30pm at Winfield Town Hall. The workshop will allow residents to engage with the planning team, provide input on key focus areas, and learn more about the process. Additional public input opportunities will be provided before the plan is finalized in May.
	01/30/23	:30	Nine additional projects were recently approved for READI (“ready”) grant dollars by the Northwest Indiana Forum Foundation and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. They include the Valparaiso Community Sports and Recreation Complex planned on the east side of the city, a Northwest Indiana housing study to analyze the current market across the seven-county area - Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski counties, an Ivy Tech Energy Technology Mobile Unit, and the Downtown Hammond Train Station and Station Square with green space to the south and retail to the north.
	02/15/23	:28	In LaPorte County, the Indiana Department of Transportation will host a public hearing tonight on a proposed roundabout at the U.S. 421 and U.S. 6 east junction in Westville. A news release says the need stems from a high number of crashes resulting from westbound traffic going thru the stop sign or failing to yield once stopped. The meeting is 6 pm (Wed Feb 15 th) at the Westville Middle/Senior High School. Project representatives will be available to answer questions during an open house beginning at 5 p.m. and again afterwards. The meeting will also be streamed live on the INDOT Northwest Facebook page.
	03/03/23	:30	In Merrillville, the town reports construction is progressing on a one-million-square-foot statement piece along I-65. Town Councilman Shawn Pettit says Merrillville hasn't seen anything like it in the last 50 years, describing the speculative building as “a once-in-a-lifetime type of project.” Officials broke ground in August for The Silos at Sanders Farm, and the development between 93rd and 101st avenues represents a \$225 million investment in Merrillville, officials say. A news release said five buildings are planned for the business park.
	03/28/23	:31	In Lake County, dozens of people attended a kick-off for the Merrillville Momentum comprehensive plan Thursday to learn about the process and share their thoughts. Town Manager Patrick Reardon said the plan will be used for projects that can take place in the near future and up to 20 years out, addressing economic development, land use, infrastructure, housing, education, recreation, and more. There will be additional opportunities to provide feedback and sessions in different areas of town to gather concerns and ideas in individual locations. Dates for upcoming meetings will be posted on the town’s Facebook page and a special Merrillville Momentum website.

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Environment			
	01/06/23	:28	<p>In Northwest Indiana, Partners for Clean Air is offering 25-hundred dollar scholarships to qualified high school seniors in Lake, Porter or LaPorte counties to assist with postsecondary education expenses. Consideration for this scholarship is limited to the first 100 applications received by 5 p.m. Central Time on March 31, 2023. Qualified students must demonstrate how their planned field of study will benefit clean air and public health. We have more info at Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website.</p>
	01/06/23	:45	<p>A new study shows the world's glaciers are melting even faster than scientists previously believed. The study published yesterday in the journal "Science" shows two-thirds of the world's glaciers will disappear by the end of this century. The estimate is based on the current rate of climate change, with scientists saying it's already too late to save some smaller glaciers. The study says the meltdown will add between three-point-five and six-point-five inches to already rising sea levels by the year 2100. That's four- to 14-percent more than previously projected. Scientists say that level of rise would leave more than ten-million people living below the high tide line globally, including 100-thousand people in the U.S. The study notes that the burning of coal, oil and gas is directly contributing to the global warming that's causing the glacial melt-off.</p>
	01/12/23	:68	<p>In Valparaiso, the Porter County Master Gardeners Association 17th annual gardening show is Saturday January 21st, 8am to 4pm, at the Porter County Expo Center. Admission is 10-dollars at the door, cash or check. The event includes their hugely popular Seed and Bulb Exchange...</p> <p>LuAnn_seeds :05 ...tons of fun.</p> <p>LuAnnTroxel, Publicity Chairperson for the Porter County Master Gardeners Association also told us on Region Newsmakers:</p> <p>LuAnn2023gardenshow :30 ...so excited to be back.</p> <p>The event features presentations by gardening speakers, over 100 exhibitor and vendor booths, and more. You can hear more Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.</p>
	01/16/23	:24	<p>The St. John-based Drive Clean Indiana announces the Indiana Clean School Bus Consortium in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. The consortium is meant to be a resource for school bus fleets, and Drive Clean Indiana has developed a series of working group meetings to help reduce barriers to cleaner school bus technologies. They'll also provide updates on funding opportunities. The consortium will hold an introductory webinar on Tuesday February 7th.</p>
	01/16/23	:53	<p>In northeast Illinois, two projects are underway at Illinois Beach State Park near the Wisconsin border to help protect shoreline from erosion caused by Lake Michigan waves. They'll also inform future decisions about how to blunt the effects of erosion and</p>

			<p>climate change. The Illinois governors office says Illinois Beach is the only remaining beach ridge shoreline left in the state, with dunes and swales, sprawling marshes, oak forests and a variety of animal life and vegetation.</p> <p>A well-known beach in Florida is reminding visitors that smoking is now banned on the sand. Miami Beach's smoking ban on the beach has been in effect since January 1st. Mayor Dan Gelber: MIA-NOBUTTS-2-1 :04 ...to enjoy them. For the past 40 years, cigarette butts have been the number one item picked up during coastal cleanups in Florida. Ocean Conservancy says in one day 144-thousand of them will be removed in the state.</p>
	01/17/23	:25	<p>The Indiana Department of Environmental Management this month announced the recipients of its Community Recycling Grant Program; they included the cities of Portage and Valparaiso and Ivy Tech Community College. A total of over half-a-million dollars was awarded to 16 applicants. IDEM's Commissioner said the grants are a great way for IDEM to promote recycling and facilitate recycling education. They're available to counties, municipalities, solid waste management districts, schools, and nonprofits in the Hoosier state.</p>
	01/17/23	:25	<p>The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is accepting nominations for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. A news release said this marks the 30th year the awards have been given to celebrate innovative projects with measurable environmental benefits. Citizens, government agencies, businesses, organizations, and educational institutions are invited to submit nominations and self-nominations are encouraged. The deadline is March 6th. Awards will be presented in September.</p>
	01/18/23	:51	<p>In Porter County, after being cancelled in 2021 and 2022 due to the pandemic, the gardening show returns this Saturday. LuAnn Troxel, Publicity Chairperson for the Porter County Master Gardeners Association, told us on Region Newsmakers: LuAnn_Everyone :16 ...for anyone. The 17th annual gardening show is January 21st, 8am to 4pm, at the Porter County Expo Center. Admission is 10-dollars at the door, cash or check, and the event will feature their popular Seed and Bulb Exchange, presentations by gardening speakers, demonstrations, over 100 exhibitor and vendor booths, and more. You can hear more Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.</p>
	01/30/23	:24	<p>In Valparaiso, Valparaiso University says it has partnered with Porter County Recycling and Waste Reduction District to form the Plastic Waste Reduction Initiative. They say they want the community to be aware of how much single-use plastic they're using on a daily basis and to reduce that amount. Part of their effort includes a survey that Porter County residents can take. A post at the university's Facebook page says the initiative focuses on education, data, research and behavior changes.</p>
	02/15/23	:39	<p>The USDA says there are ways to make lawns more 'bee friendly'. Kyle Grubbs is with the USDA's bee lab in Beltsville, Maryland: BeesAndLawns3a_1 :07 ...for the bees.</p>

			<p>He says constant cutting and chemical usage is to blame. Karen Harris-Shultz, USDA research geneticist in Tifton, Georgia, says mowing less frequently gives the grass time to flower.</p> <p>BeesAndLawns1a_1 :11 ...even better.</p> <p>The USDA says bees and other pollinators play a critical role in food production.</p>
	03/31/23	:81	<p>A closer look...Recycling and Waste Reduction of Porter county is holding a Northwest Indiana Earth Day event on April 22 at the Porter County Expo Center. The theme of the event is “invest in our planet” and Public Relations Coordinator Gabrielle Gresham says they have activities planned like a “reuse fair” (re-yoose) where the community can bring items to be recycled to someone else...</p> <p>3-24-23grisham_reuse :14 c: in need</p> <p>Speakers will have informative presentations..</p> <p>3-24-23grisham_speakers :33 oc: giveaway</p> <p>You can hear more about the the 2023 Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration at Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand under the community dropdown menu at our website.</p>
		:30	<p>In Valparaiso, the city is launching an education campaign reminding the community about what and how to recycle. The recycling education program will include direct mail, email, video, social media and web presence and is being funded with support by a grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Valparaiso Mayor Matt Murphy said, “We learned that people nationwide are puzzled about things like whether they can recycle pizza boxes or yogurt cups. And we learned that adding trash to a recycling bin can contaminate the whole tote, undoing all of the good intentions. Sharing the do’s and don’ts helps us all.”</p>

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Education			
	01/06/23	:30	<p>Indiana Governor Holcomb unveiled his 2023 Next Level Agenda Wednesday, which he says includes historic investments in K through 12 education:</p> <p>Holcomb_EdFunding :17 ...billion.</p> <p>The proposal includes increasing teacher pay and eliminating textbook fees for Hoosier families.</p>
	01/10/23	:28	<p>The Indiana Department of Education announced Monday 48 school districts and charter schools around the state will receive a portion of over 2 million dollars for STEM education. This grant will support schools in integrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) instruction and learning opportunities into the classroom, improving access and support for Hoosier students. Two Region schools are benefitting as East Chicago Lighthouse Charter will receive 48-thousand and Gary Lighthouse Charter schools will receive around 45-thousand dollars.</p>
	01/18/23	:60	<p>A closer look... January is National Mentoring Month. Tami</p>

			<p>Silverman is President and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute: tami_MentoringDefinition :31 ...kids Indiana Youth Institute has a program on mentoring: tami_MentoringPrograms:12 ...programs. You can hear more Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.</p>
	01/18/23	:33	<p>In Valparaiso, the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Valparaiso University will receive \$1 million to update its Simulation and Experiential Learning Centers. The funding was made possible from federal appropriations secured by Congressman Frank J. Mrvan, and is part of more than \$20 million designated for Northwest Indiana projects, the university said, adding that the updates will include the purchase of new beds with side tables and monitors, an advanced management simulator for dealing with chest tubes, and two medium fidelity, full-body “Advanced Clinical Chloe” simulators.</p>
	01/19/23	:25	<p>The Indiana Department of Education says the first round of enhancements to its new Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard, or Indiana GPS, is now in place. When accessing the statewide-, district- and school-level summary pages, users can see a snapshot of student performance over multiple measures. From there, the “Explore” button goes deeper into data. The department also said updates continue to be made so the dashboard is as comprehensive and easy to use as possible.</p>
	01/20/23	:28	<p>In Crown Point, a group of citizens is getting a behind-the-scenes look at the operations of the Hub City's school district. Crown Point Community School Corporation launched its Ambassador Program in September, a series of six- once-a-month sessions on topics like finances, operations, curriculum and instruction, and student services. It's open to community members who live within the district's boundaries and would like to become more familiar with Crown Point Schools. The current group is full; the application for the 2023-2024 cohort will be available in August.</p>
	02/17/23	:30	<p>High school seniors looking to go into the medical field or anyone with a high school diploma interested in a career as a Certified Pharmacy Technician can take part in the in-person Pharmacy Technician Program through LaPorte Community Schools. It's made possible through a partnership with Indiana University South Bend. The short-term training program will prepare students to sit for the Certified Pharmacy Technician Exam. Students who pass the national exam become Certified Pharmacy Technicians. Evening classes start March 16th and take place on Mondays and Thursdays at the Educational Services Center-Boston Building in LaPorte through the beginning of June.</p>
	03/06/23	:20	<p>In Munster, the school district is designing a new Strategic Plan. A post at the School Town of Munster Facebook page says it will include the Portrait of a Graduate for the District. In February, the district says some high schoolers had a chance to meet with the superintendent to give feedback, and over the next few months, school officials plan to gather additional perspectives from staff, students, parents and community members.</p>
	03/07/23	:74; :60;:60	<p>First Lady Doctor Jill Biden visited Ivy Tech Community College in Valparaiso yesterday (Monday) Mike Bonaventura was there and has the story... 3-6-23_BidenIvyVisitwrap_MB</p>

			<p>The first lady spent time with faculty, students and members of the labor force showing her support for the nation's community colleges. The school gave her a tour of the renewable energy labs where she met with high school students in dual enrollment to discuss and demonstrate what they have learned. Doctor Biden said community colleges will train the future workforce...</p> <p>3-6-23_bidenjobsfuture :30 oc: of the future</p> <p>The first lady was joined on the tour of the college by US Deputy Secretary of Labor Julie Su, US Deputy Secretary of Energy David Turk and First District Congressman Frank Mrvan.</p> <p>In Valparaiso, First District Congressman Frank J. Mrvan spoke at an event yesterday promoting education and jobs at Ivy Tech Community College featuring First Lady Dr. Jill Biden. Speaking in front of a large crowd of educators and students, Mrvan pointed out that people, education and workforce is our country's strength and we must train the next generation...</p> <p>3-6-23_ivytechmrvan :21 oc: seeding that</p> <p>The White House said Doctor Biden's visit was to highlight the administration's commitment to strengthening our economy and building pathways to good paying jobs through career connected learning.</p> <p>First Lady Dr. Jill Biden visited Ivy Tech Community College in Valparaiso Monday. She was joined by members of the Biden administration's Cabinet secretaries including US Deputy Secretary of Labor Julie Su who said community colleges are the pathways to the jobs of the future...</p> <p>3-6-23_suivy1 :18 oc: entire system</p> <p>Su says the Department of Labor in conjunction with the Biden Administration has begun a grant program called "strengthening community colleges"</p> <p>3-6-23_suivy2 :20 oc: advancement</p> <p>Su said the program will give under-represented students access to careers in nursing, manufacturing, teaching and IT.</p>
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Description of Issue	Date	Approx. Length	Content of Program/Segment (news story) Providing Issue Coverage:
Transportation	01/13/230 1/17/23	:32	The Indiana Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for the spring Call for Projects for the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The application window is open through Friday, January 27th, 5 pm Eastern Time. Funds are available to all local government units in the state of Indiana. Since 2016, Indiana has awarded more than \$1 billion in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects statewide. Long-term funding for Community Crossings is part of measure approved by the Indiana legislature and signed into law in April

			2017. Communities receiving funding for projects will be notified in early spring.
	02/15/23	:30	In LaPorte County, the Indiana Department of Transportation will host a public hearing tonight on a proposed roundabout at the U.S. 421 and U.S. 6 east junction in Westville. A news release says the need stems from a high number of crashes resulting from westbound traffic going thru the stop sign or failing to yield once stopped. The meeting is 6 pm (Wed Feb 15 th) at the Westville Middle/Senior High School. Project representatives will be available to answer questions during an open house beginning at 5 p.m. and again afterwards. The meeting will also be streamed live on the INDOT Northwest Facebook page.
	03/08/23	:30	The South Shore Line's Northwest Indiana Double Track Project continues. Updates from the commuter rail include in Lake County in the Gary-Miller station area, beginning March 13 and lasting for about a month, a detour is planned for Old Hobart Road for pile driving at the new bridge location. And in Porter County in the Dune Park Station area, the website says Waverly Road is expected to be temporarily closed for 14 days on or around March 27, with additional information to be provided soon.
	03/23/23	:32	INDOT says just over 127-million dollars in federal funding has been awarded to 38 rural cities, towns and counties across Indiana for infrastructure improvements. Combined with local funds about 157 million is being invested to improve transportation infrastructure in communities receiving funds for fiscal year 2027. The projects include 26 bridge replacements, 11 resurfacing projects, sidewalks, ADA ramps and seven traffic safety projects. They include bridges in Porter County just east of 49 and north of the Kankakee River and Laporte County on Range Road just north of US 6.