

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:
<b>Health</b>			
	07/05/23	:28	<p>In Washington, DC, organizers say a healthy hospital initiative has revealed the winners of their third annual cooking competition. Teams and individuals were recognized for plant-based dishes which used carrots as the 'secret ingredient' to make the meals unique, creative, and delicious, the announcement said. Top honors included Best Entrée - Open-Faced Purple Carrots Ravioli; Best Side Dish – Carrot Cilantro Couscous Salad; and Best Dessert, Vegan Carrot Halwa Pistachio Trifle.</p>
	07/06/23	:90	<p>Spotlight on health:</p> <p>Walkable neighborhoods are good for you; mentally and physically. Lucinda Kay explains.        IDD247WALKABLENEIGHBORHOODS_1 :26 oc: standard</p> <p>The sport of pickleball is growing in popularity, especially with senior citizens. Doctors say they're seeing some injuries with those older players, like knee damage from running around the hard court.        PickleballInjuries1_1 :06 ...and turning.</p> <p>Dr. Bruce Moseley is an orthopedic surgeon at the Baylor College of Medicine. He says they're also seeing rotator cuff injuries from swinging the racket.        PickleballInjuries2_1 :06 ...overhead things.</p> <p>His advice – do lots of stretching.</p> <p>Nearly one in four Americans hadn't gotten COVID by the end of last year, according a new CDC estimate. The agency estimated about 77-percent of people in the U.S. had antibodies from an infection of the virus. Younger people between 16 and 29 had the highest percentage of natural antibodies at just over 87-percent, decreasing across older groups. Meanwhile, nearly all people at close to 97 percent had some form of COVID antibodies due to vaccinations or</p>

			infections.
	07/10/23	:30	Purdue says it is collaborating with the Indiana State Medical Association on a landmark effort to address social factors affecting health within the state, and one of the counties in the initiative is in the Region. A news release says the unprecedented partnership “will seek to enlist local physicians as points of contact to steer patients to social services where needed,” and will focus initially on Lake County and four others, counties researchers say data indicate a gap between health metrics and resources available to address them. If successful, Purdue says the program may be expanded to other counties.
	07/17/23	:93	<p>Spotlight on Health...</p> <p>In Missouri, a team of researchers at Washington University in St. Louis say they've developed an air monitor that can detect the COVID virus. In an article recently published in Nature Communications, the researchers showed the monitor's ability to detect minute viral particles in five minutes. The team says they hope they can develop the monitor for commercial use to help prevent the spread of the virus in schools and hospitals. They also hope they can adapt the monitor to detect other particles, such as for the flu and RSV in the near future.</p> <p>A southern California hotspot for tourists and residents alike becomes more walker-friendly. Lucinda Kay explains. IDD2475THAVEPEDESTRIAN_1 :34 SOQ</p> <p>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is strengthening the requirements for the removal of lead-based paint. Deputy Administrator Janet McCabe made the announcement in Newark, saying the latest move will set more protective levels that let experts know when lead needs to be cleaned up and when the process is done properly. Since 2021, the EPA has put billions of dollars towards lead pipe and paint removal across the country.</p>
	07/19/23	:20	In Gary, a workshop was held Tuesday on the city's climate risk and vulnerabilities. The Environmental Resilience Institute at Indiana University Bloomington says in a post at their Facebook page that the city of Bloomington will be hosting a similar workshop next week, seeking input from residents. The city of Gary is also currently seeking feedback via an online survey.
	07/31/23	:75	<p>Spotlight on health...</p> <p>A new study suggests including olive oil in your diet may help aid against dementia. Research presented this week in Boston at the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition shows olive oil could reduce risk of dying from dementia by 28-percent. According to the authors, it's the first time the link has been studied. A coauthor says the</p>

			<p>study reinforces dietary guidelines around olive oil, suggesting that it supports both heart health and brain health.</p> <p>New data shows a resurgence of COVID-19. Mark Mayfield reports. NewCovidNumbers072623_1 :29 SOQ</p> <p>In Seattle, the University of Washington is increasing access to a new treatment for Alzheimer's. Researchers are looking for people between the ages of 55 and 80 who are at high risk for Alzheimer's to participate in a study called AHEAD. The study will measure and monitor the influence of Lecanemab [[ luh-CAN-uh-mab ]], which has slowed participants' cognitive and functional decline by 27-percent in previous trials.</p>
	08/01/23	:44	<p>Studies are showing a correlation between mental and physical health and a higher number of trees. TreesHealth_1 :04 ...environments. Michelle Kondo with the U.S. Forest Service says one study asked residents to wear heart monitors and take two walks through a neighborhood - one walk before vacant lots were cleaned and trees planted, and the other after the improvements were made, while another study tracked residents and surveyed them through their phones in various places around Philadelphia. TreesHealth_3 :08 ...trees. The U.S. Forest Service says studies have also shown that access to green spaces and trees can also improve mental health, boost community cohesion, and enhance a person's overall quality of life.</p>
	08/08/23	1:52	<p>Spotlight on health... Spotlight on health... As we age, brain function diminishes, but experts say there is a simple way to delay wear and tear on the brain. MovementBrainCare1a_1 :02 ...your day. Sharolyn Jackson with the Kansas State University Extension says moving your body is critical. MovementBrainCare2a_1 :11 ...problem solve. She adds that physical activity reduces the production of stress hormones, increases the release of feel-good hormones, and: MovementBrainCare3a_1 :05 ...cognitive health. Movement doesn't have to be strenuous to get the benefits, Jackson says, just getting out of your chair and walking around every half hour can work wonders.</p> <p>A new study suggests including olive oil in one's diet may help aid against dementia. Research presented recently in</p>

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	08/10/23	:90	<p>Spotlight on health... Growing evidence that fermented vegetables positively impact gut health, say scientists at the University of Minnesota. Their research looked at data from people who frequently ate lacto-fermented vegetables, like kimchi (kim-chee) or other dishes with fermented cabbage or other vegetables, to see if it had an effect on the trillions of bacteria that make up the gut microbiome. The study did not include dairy ferments. Their findings were recently published in the journal Gut Microbiome.</p> <p>A new study contends you don't need to take ten-thousand steps every day to lower risk of heart disease. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore measured data from over 200-thousand people who were counting their steps, and settled on four-thousand per day as a good target. In a study published this week, the scientists said people who hit the four-thousand-step mark saw their risk go down of dying prematurely from any cause. They added, though, health benefits do increase the more people walk.</p> <p>More caps on drug prices in Illinois could be on the way. Illinois Governor Pritzker signed a bill last week capping the price of a twin-pack of EpiPens at 60-dollars. Bill sponsor Illinois State Senator Mike Halpin,  20230809ILMoreDrugCapsV1_1 :06 ...life-saving medication.  Halpin says the legislature will be looking at the rising costs</p>

			of other drugs: 20230809ILMoreDrugCapsV2_1 :10 ...going on. He says passage of the EpiPen price cap legislation was a bi-partisan effort.
	08/16/23	:88	Spotlight on health...  Researchers have discovered microplastics inside human hearts for the first time. Brad Segall (see-gl) has more. IDDHeartMicroplastics_1 :32 SOQ Researchers have discovered microplastics inside human hearts for the first time. Doctors in Beijing analyzed heart tissue from 15 patients who underwent cardiovascular surgery and discovered "tens to thousands of individual microplastic pieces in most tissue samples." Doctors also found microplastics in every blood sample from the patients. They hope to investigate how plastic particles enter the cardiovascular system and if they have long-term effects on the patients' recovery. Last year, a study from the World Wildlife Foundation found humans consume up to five grams of microplastics every week.  New numbers from the Centers for Disease Control show that suicides hit an all-time high last year. Experts say the trend is driven by higher rates of depression and limited availability of mental health services. SuicideStudy1_1 :09 ...a plan. Dr. Rheeda Walker at the University of Houston says we're becoming more stressed out as a society. SuicideStudy2_1 :06 ...as a society. And she points to a Surgeon General report about an "epidemic of loneliness." About 49-thousand, 500 people took their own lives last year. If you or anyone you love is in need of help, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can be reached 24/7 at 9-8-8.

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<b>Environment</b>			
	07/05/23	:67	In California, beach-cleaning robots are helping volunteers in picking up trash along Lake Tahoe's shoreline after the Fourth of July celebrations this year. League to Save Lake Tahoe Communications Director Chris Joseph says these robots will go a long way to rid the aftermath from the holiday: IDDChrisJosephCA1_1 :13 ...up here. He explains how the robot works as a giant sifter. IDDChrisJosephCA2_1 :12 ...thrown away.

			<p>Joseph is urging people to still do their part to help minimize the July 4th celebration cleanup.  IDDCrisJosephCA3_1 :13 ...at home.  Last year, the group collected nearly 35-hundred pounds of trash during the July 5th cleanup event.</p>
	07/07/23	:23	<p>The Porter County Recycling and Waste Reduction District says it has partnered with Mermaid Straw and Valparaiso University to invite businesses to be part of a local and global effort to reduce the use of single-use plastics like bags and straws. Plastic-Free July is led by the Australian-based not-for-profit, Plastic Free Foundation. Businesses are asked to visit the Porter County Recycling and Waste Reduction district's website to register for the month-long initiative.</p>
	07/17/23	:31	<p>Shirley Heinze (hines) Land Trust says it is grateful to partner with NIPSCO and the NiSource Charitable Foundation for a second year to continue the Activating Green Spaces initiative, connecting communities historically underrepresented in conservation with their local green spaces, which include nature preserves and parks. A news release said many activities take place at Ivanhoe South Nature Preserve, a rare dune-and-swale landscape in Gary, and this year the focus area of outreach and restoration projects to increase accessibility to natural areas will also expand to include communities in New Chicago, Hammond and Michigan City.</p>
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	08/04/23	:40	<p>In Key Largo, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary scientists are relocating delicate corals into deeper, cooler water to keep them alive. Karen Curtis reports.  IHM-SAVETHECORAL-1W_1 :31 SOQ</p>
	08/18/23; 08/21/23	:44	<p>This Saturday (Aug 19) is (was) National Honeybee Day. To bring awareness of the importance of honeybees, James Marlow with the Southface Institute, a sustainability nonprofit in Atlanta, says they have been hosting two hives for 13 years.  GAHelpingHoneybeesA1_1 :15 ...miles a day.</p>

			Marlow says their honeybees travel around their campus, to other gardens and parks, pollinating various plants and flowers and returning to their hives to produce honey. National Honeybee Day is celebrated yearly on the third Saturday in August.
	09/28/23	:32	In Lake County, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and partner organizations encourage those who live or work in Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago, and Gary to attend a free open house-style event on restoration efforts within the Grand Calumet River Area of Concern. Guided hikes of Gibson Woods will also be held. Families are welcome and educational activities will be available for school-age children. The event is Thursday, September 28th, 3 - 7 pm at Gibson Woods Nature Center on Parrish Avenue in Hammond. The Grand Calumet River Area of Concern covers a 94-square mile area in northern Lake County.

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<b>Infrastructure/ Government/ Local Outreach</b>			
	07/05/23	:39	In Merrillville, the town is looking for residents to join the "Momentum Community Committee." The new committee will play a critical role in developing a comprehensive plan by working with Town officials and planners to identify strategies and projects that can take place over the next 20 years. The plan will address economic development, land use, zoning, infrastructure, utilities, housing, education, recreation, and other aspects of the Town. Planning and building director Sheila Shine said in a release, "You must have a commitment to collaboration and partnership, good ideas, and great energy," and "a dedication to make our Town a better place for everyone." Details on how to join are available on Merrillville's website and facebook page.
	07/21/23		In Lake County, the Gary / Chicago International Airport says it is eager to debut a new Airport Rescue and Firefighting truck, arriving as a part of the \$2 million in federal funding secured by Region Congressman Frank J. Mrvan (mer-van). The acquisition of the 3,000 gallon truck and two high-speed runway brooms for snow removal was approved in August 2022, as the majority of the existing fleet consists of equipment 20 years or older, the airport said. Executive Director Dan Vicari says once in operation the fire truck will expand the type of airplanes that can land at the airport. You can see a photo at our website.
	07/27/23	:60	First District Congressman Frank J. Mrvan (mer-van) says he spoke on the House floor to express his appreciation for the

			<p>inclusion of Community Project Funding requests for Northwest Indiana in the Fiscal Year 24 Appropriations measures:</p> <p>mrvan_FY24projects :29 ...Michigan City.</p> <p>A news release from Mrvan said the requests have been included in House versions of the appropriations measures, and must be approved by both the House and Senate prior to being signed into law.</p>
	08/07/23	:31	<p>A University of Notre Dame study says a program in Santa Clara County, California, is preventing homelessness. A professor from the college says one time financial assistance payments work.</p> <p>IDDNotreDameprofessor_1 :07 ...and not.</p> <p>Santa Clara County program Destination Home San Jose gives money to families behind on rent or are about to become homeless. The study says families that receive the financial assistance are least likely to become homeless within half a year. The county program helped 14-thousand people since it started in 2017.</p>
	08/11/23	:68	<p>Neighbors helping neighbors... in Crown Point, VetRock is two weeks away. Mark Wilkins, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Crown Point, says the annual fundraising concert is held on the front lawn of the church on Main Street just south of the downtown square, and is coming up Friday August 25th:</p> <p>Wilkins_Vetrock23_1 :46...Disabled American Veterans.</p> <p>We have a link for more info at Adams Radio Cares at our website.</p>
	08/15/23	:35	<p>In Valparaiso, the city's Engineering Department says Valpo has reached the midway point in its seasonal paving for streets and sidewalks. A news release said Valparaiso will pave about seven-point-eight miles of roadway this season and replace about two-point-eight miles of sidewalk. The 2023 infrastructure plan includes highly visible roadways, like Vale Park Road – paved from Calumet east to Sturdy – and portions of Yellowstone and Franklin, which also included significant work in separating storm sewers, the city said. Valpo's Engineering Department has created an online interactive map showing roadway and sidewalk projects. We have that link at our website.</p>
	08/16/23	:22	<p>Region residents can help people and animals affected by wildfires in Hawaii. The American Red Cross is collecting donations in their relief effort; they say over 220 of their trained disaster workers from Maui and around the U-S are helping now with more on their way. The Salvation Army says it has launched widespread efforts to provide food and other essential items and services to evacuees in Hawaii as residents seek refuge from wildfires. And the Maui Humane Society said in a Facebook post, for those on the mainland looking to help, supplies can be delivered directly by their</p>



			Amazon Wishlist “and monetary donations will be crucial to cover the costs of the lifesaving medical treatments necessary to save animal lives affected by the fires.”
	08/29/23	:30	Region Congressman Frank J. Mrvan Monday announced a 70-thousand federal grant award for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive economic development strategy for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties. NIRPC (nerp-see) Executive Director Ty Warner said along with their established programs for transportation and the environment, this grant "helps bring additional support and increased collaboration to economic development efforts in the region.”
	09/25/23	:20	IDEM and Drive Clean Indiana is launching an E-V initiative which aims to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles across Indiana. The GOEVIN (go-vin) team or “Go Electric Vehicle Indiana” will be in the region on October 5 will be at the NIRPC (nirpsy) office in Portage to promote the program. A release said the organizations are “ushering in a more sustainable era of transportation.” The GOEVIN (go-vin) team is collectively committed to driving the development of Indiana's EV education and EV charging programs.

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<b>Police/Public Safety</b>			
	07/07/23	:84	In Valparaiso, National Night Out will take place August 1, Mike Bonaventura has details... 7-6-23_valponightoutwrap_MB  Captain Joe Hall from the Valparaiso Police Department... 7-6-23_hall1 :21 oc: 9 O'Clock He says the community and police benefit... 7-6-23_hall3 :18 oc: support us Captain Hall says the sign up period ends 4pm Monday July 25 7-6-23_hall 2 :18 oc: them For the region news team I'm MB
	07/07/23	:37	Summer is grilling season. Fire Department of the City of New York Lieutenant Jim McCarthy says grills can heat up to one-thousand degrees. IDDBBQStructure_1 :05 oc: structure Other safety tips include using utensils with long handles to avoid burns. In addition, when you're done grilling, make

			<p>sure everything has cooled down, especially charcoal before it gets tossed. The Porter County Health Department urges everyone to take care when disposing of charcoal, which they also noted can be a major air polluter. Properly dispose of used charcoal quickly by soaking it in water, a post at the Porter County health department's Facebook page said, then emptying it in an ashtray.</p>
	07/14/23	:45	<p>The MAAC (mack) Foundation in Valparaiso will host a Kid's Self-Defense Class on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Heroes' Hangout on their campus. President and CEO Celena (seh-LEEN-uh) Weatherwax... 7-12-23_weatherwax1 :19 oc: victimized</p> <p>The class is for kids 5 to 12 years old and qualified instructors from the Hammond Police Department will teach the fundamentals of self-defense, equipping children with essential skills to ensure their safety, the MAAC Foundation said. The cost per child is \$5 and there are a few slots still open. You can hear more Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.</p>
	07/31/23	:31	<p>National Night Out which is happening tomorrow (Tue Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) is an annual nationwide event that brings police and the communities they serve together. In Merrillville, the town will be celebrating from 5-to-8pm Tuesday at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center. Town Councilman Richard Hardaway says the parking lot will be sectioned off by wards, giving residents an opportunity to meet their elected officials and have fellowship with neighbors. There will be an informational table set up at the entrance. The town said the event offers a great opportunity to meet with Merrillville's first responders to share concerns and receive safety tips.</p>
	08/01/23	:11;:30; :17; :39	<p>National Night Out which is happening today (Tue Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) is an annual nationwide event that brings police and the communities they serve together. A variety of events will be taking place in cities and towns across Northwest Indiana today.</p> <p>National Night Out which is happening today (Tue Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) is an annual nationwide event that brings police and the communities they serve together. In Merrillville, the town will be celebrating from 5-to-8pm today at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center. Town Councilman Richard Hardaway says the parking lot will be sectioned off by wards, giving residents an opportunity to meet their elected officials and have fellowship with neighbors. There will be an informational table set up at the entrance. The town also says the event offers a great opportunity to meet with Merrillville's first responders to share concerns and receive safety tips.</p>

			<p>National Night Out is today Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>, and special events are planned across the Region. In Crown Point, the police department will host their national night out 6 to 9pm at the sportsplex fields 1,2 &amp; 3,. Mayor Pete Land said it was one of his favorite events when he was police chief. The police &amp; fire departments will kick off the night with a softball game.</p> <p>Police officers will be out across the Region and the U-S for tonight's National Night Out. National Night Out is a chance for neighbors to meet with each other and with police officers. Gatherings will include events at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center in Merrillville, the Sportsplex in Crown Point, and at Fox Pointe in Lansing, Illinois. Lansing Chief of Police Alfred Phillips: Lansing_NatlNightOut23 :17 ...this community.</p> <p>In Valparaiso, police will be visiting neighborhoods hosting a variety of activities.</p>
	08/02/23	:16	<p>Neighborhoods across the Region and the country celebrated National Night Out Tuesday evening. The annual event held on the first Tuesday of August and now in its 40th year looks to broaden the relationship between local police and the communities they serve. Many events that took place around the U-S and the Region featured games, music and food.</p>
	08/08/23	:30	<p>In Merrillville, in the midst of warmer weather and outdoor activities, Stormwater Utility Executive Director Matt Lake said he wants to remind Merrillville and Northwest Indiana residents to use precautions around ponds and other bodies of water and urged parents and guardians to keep children and others away from stormwater detention ponds and any other non-recreational unauthorized waterbodies. A news release also said residential, business and industrial properties with ponds are encouraged to have preventative signage installed. Guidance on pond safety is available by calling the Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center.</p>
	08/09/23	:25	<p>As students are heading back to the classroom around the Region and elsewhere, law enforcement agencies are reminding motorists to stop for school buses. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute says police have already been increasing patrols to prevent stop-arm violations, speeding and other forms of reckless driving around school buses and in school zones. More than 200 agencies are participating in the back-to-school Stop Arm Violation Enforcement campaign – also known as SAVE.</p>
	08/11/23	:35	<p>NIPSCO says this Friday August 11 – eight-eleven – serves as a natural reminder for anyone planning a digging project to call 8-1-1 to have underground utility lines marked ahead of</p>

			the work. The Merrillville-based company encourages homeowners and professionals to make that free request two business days in advance to avoid damaging buried utility lines. From installing a fence or mailbox, to building a deck, planting a tree or laying a patio, NIPSCO says every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting 811. So far this year, NIPSCO says it has experienced more than 140 damages to its gas lines due to people failing to contact 811.
	08/29/23	:30	In northern Porter County, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire says a recent federal grant will go toward replacing and funding the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, more commonly known as “air packs”. The fire department, which serves Liberty and Jackson townships, says the equipment allows crews to enter immediately dangerous to life and health environments without adverse health effects. Liberty Township Volunteer Fire received a 247-thousand dollar Assistance to Firefighters Grant which is administered and managed by FEMA (fee-muh).
	09/14/23 09/15/23	:22	September is National Preparedness Month, and state officials say the focus this year is on older adults, underscoring the need to create emergency plans that consider factors like mobility challenges, medical needs and social isolation. In general, the goal is to encourage everyone to take proactive steps in preparing for various emergencies and disasters, including house fires, tornadoes, winter weather and power outages.

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<b>Transportation/ Infrastructure</b>			
	07/05/23	:19	The Indiana Department of Transportation says it is now accepting applications for the fall 2023 call for projects for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program. The application window closes in a few weeks (5pm ET Fri Jul 28). Since 2016, the state says it has awarded more than \$1.74 billion in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects across Indiana.
	07/05/23	:23	The Indiana Department of Transportation says it will be hosting public information meetings throughout July to provide updates and gather feedback on an annual update to the state's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan. The plan is required as part of Indiana's participation in the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program and must be updated each year. The local meeting is July 24 <sup>th</sup> , 6 to 8 pm, at Indiana University Northwest in Gary.
	08/08/23	:20	The National Association of Realtors says many people want 'walkable communities' when deciding where to live. In the

			group's 2023 Community & Transportation Preferences Survey, 79% said being within an easy walk of other places and things like shops and parks is very/somewhat important and 78% indicated that they would be willing to pay more to live in a walkable community.
	08/10/23	:18	In Gary, an opportunity for the public to view Northwest Indiana's first fleet of electric buses Wednesday. The new fleet was on display yesterday at IU Northwest on Broadway. Gary Public Transit said the electric buses are up to 35-feet in length and can travel up to 140 miles on a single charge, and they're equipped with bike racks.
	08/11/23	:33	In Merrillville, the town is working to address ongoing traffic issues. Town Council President Rick Bella read from a prepared statement at Tuesday's council meeting saying they've made great strides to calm the traffic but much more needs to be done. The council then unanimously approved a motion to start the process for a Request for Proposals for a town-wide traffic study. Actions already taken include the installation of several radar speed limit signs, speed humps, and additional stop signs. Bella added that better street configurations, properly timed traffic signals and right-turn lanes can help, but there needs to be a comprehensive plan.
	08/11/23	:17	In Gary, an opportunity for the public to view Northwest Indiana's first fleet of electric buses Wednesday. The new fleet was on display at IU Northwest on Broadway. Gary Public Transit said the electric buses are up to 35-feet in length and can travel up to 140 miles on a single charge, and they're equipped with bike racks.
	08/21/23	:57	A closer look... In LaPorte County, Drive Clean Indiana will host their annual conference and expo Wednesday August 23 <sup>rd</sup> at the Blue Chip in Michigan City. The expo showcases new alternative fuel vehicles, break-out sessions with industry experts and exhibitors. Executive Director Carl Lisek (lih-SEK)... 8-15-23_lisek1 :30 around us The conference is open to the public from 8 to 230, details at drive-clean-indiana-dot-org. You can hear a conversation about the expo at Region Newsmakers news audio on demand at our website
	08/21/23	:26	In Porter County, residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback on a Transit Development District proposed for the Dune Park South Shore station area. The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority says it will hold a public engagement session at Porter Town Hall, Thursday, August 31st at 6 pm. The RDA says there are seven Transit Development Districts now – Munster/Dyer Main Street, Munster Ridge Road, Hammond Gateway Downtown; East Chicago, Gary Miller, Portage/Ogden Dunes, and Michigan City.

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<b>Education</b>			
	07/11/23	:27	The Indiana Department of Education Monday announced a new initiative it says is meant to strengthen the state's science-technology-engineering-and math teacher pipeline by helping fund coursework that leads to full licensure. A news release said the program in partnership with the Education Service Centers of Indiana will help cover tuition, books and material fees for licensed teachers in non-STEM areas, as well as prospective teachers who are not licensed but hold a bachelor's degree, to become licensed to teach a STEM subject.
	07/14/23	:21	State education officials say an update on COVID-19 academic recovery released Wednesday shows learning is stabilizing for many Hoosier students, but targeted support is still needed. The Indiana Department of Education said statewide ILEARN results from Spring 2023 reflected a modest increase in math across all grade levels and that most grade levels remained relatively stable in English language arts.
	07/28/23	:38	In LaPorte County, Ivy Tech Community College has announced an open house to help mark the return of the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies program to the Michigan City Campus. The Criminal Justice Program is structured toward students seeking careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation, parole, court services, business security, forensics, cyber security, youth services, and more. Ivy Tech's Legal Studies Program is tailored toward students seeking professions including but not limited to paralegals, legal assistants, law firm staff, court administrative staff, attorneys, in-house counsel and varying positions throughout court systems. The open house is August 4th, noon-to--4pm at Ivy Tech Michigan City on Franklin Street.
	08/04/23	:51	A new state law automatically enrolls eligible students into Indiana's 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program. Indiana Youth Institute President and C-E-O Tami Silverman: silverman_21Century_1 :27 ...of this program. Silverman says most recently, students had to sign up for the college scholarship program in middle school, and that statewide about 48% of eligible students enrolled last year. Silverman says families will be notified of eligibility, students must agree to the conditions required to participate and can elect to opt out at any time.
	08/10/23	: 24	The Indiana Commission for Higher Education announced this week it has awarded over 10-point-5-million-dollars to 19 organizations and colleges to support programs that recruit, prepare, place and retain educators in schools with teacher shortages in STEM - science, technology, engineering

			and math - subject areas. Recipients include Valparaiso University, Indiana University Foundation, and Purdue University Foundation. This is the sixth round of grant funding.
	08/10/23	:30	In Crown Point, students, staff and community members recently gathered at the new Taft Middle School on 121st Avenue in Winfield for a ribbon cutting. The building opens at the start of the school year August 16th for about 11-hundred students in 6th-thru-8th grade. At the ceremony, the school district says students added items like yearbooks, spirit wear, and hand-written notes to a time capsule – and a hall pass from the 1973 time capsule at the old Taft was also included. The new school includes 63 classrooms, two large-group instruction spaces, and nine small-group instruction labs.
	08/16/23	:32	The Indiana Department of Education recently announced the expansion of Indiana Learns, a statewide grant program providing qualifying families with \$1,000 to spend on math and English/language arts “high-dosage tutoring and approved out-of-school academic programs for students.” To date, officials say over 10,000 students are enrolled in Indiana Learns, which was launched in October 2022. Initially open to fourth and fifth graders, the expansion allows for students in third through eighth grade, who scored below proficiency in math or English/language arts on the 2023 administration of ILEARN (eye-learn), to be eligible for grant funds.
	08/17/23	:58	A closer look... In Whiting, Ivy Tech Lake County and Calumet College of St. Joseph recently celebrated their Cybersecurity collaboration by cutting the ribbon on a new computer lab and server room to serve the needs of a joint program established by the two institutions. Ivy Tech Lake County Interim Chancellor Marcos Rodriguez... 8-16-23_marcorodriguez :11 oc: super important Former Cybersecurity Program Chair Ron Bush says the need for trained professionals is greater now than ever before... 8-16-23_ronbush :15 oc: stop that Students in Ivy Tech’s Cybersecurity program attend classes at the Calumet College lab for select courses. After receiving an associate degree through Ivy Tech, students can then enroll to pursue a bachelor’s degree at Calumet College and complete a minor in Cybersecurity.

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	07/27/23	:40	<p>In Merrillville, the town is hosting a job fair today Thursday, July 27 at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center. Town Council President Rick Bella...</p> <p>7-18-23_bellafair :20 oc: on the spot</p> <p>Bella says job seekers can attend from 11am to 3pm with a free lunch, job opportunities, and door prizes. Details at the town of Merrillville facebook page.</p>
	07/31/23	:75	<p>Region business news...In Crown Point, the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center has opened nominations for the 2023 E-Day Awards which honors entrepreneurs and advocates who have an impactful imprint on the Region. Regional Director Lorri Feldt says nominations are being taken thru August 30...</p> <p>7-25-23_feldt1 :25 oc: tab</p> <p>She says the awards ceremony is on November 9th at Avalon Manor...</p> <p>7-25-23_feldt2 :10 oc: to hear</p> <p>you can hear Mike Bonaventura interview Lorri Feldt at Region newsmakers at newsaudio on demand at our website</p>
	08/01/23	:27	<p>The Indiana Arts Commission says Valparaiso is one of five Indiana communities chosen for the "Creative Convergence" pilot program, meant to help illustrate how to embed arts and creativity in community and economic planning and development. Bedford, Dillsboro, Monticello, and Warsaw were also selected to receive phase two grant funding. Valpo will be working with the Valparaiso Creative Council to launch an artist needs assessment through a series of focus groups. A formal rollout of the program is planned next year (2024).</p>
	08/07/23	:17	<p>Employers are hitting the pause button on "back-to-the-office" efforts. According to new data, workers who are on a hybrid or remote work assignment are not showing diminished productivity. According to a poll conducted by the Los Angeles Times, eight out of ten workers believe their company's remote work policies will remain in place through 2025.</p>
	08/08/23	:30	<p>Over a third of Americans don't believe they'll ever make enough money to retire. Erin Real (ray-all) has more in consumer and business news...</p> <p>MoneyMatters080823a_retirement :23 ...no retirement savings.</p>
	08/11/23	:24	<p>More Americans are dipping into their 401(k) accounts because of financial distress. Mark Mayfield with more. Withdrawal401K080923_1 :19 SOQ voicer:That's according to Bank of America data. The</p>



			<p>number of those who did so during the second quarter spiked from the same time last year by 36-percent. Most cite inflation as the main reason. Bank of America's data also shows overall employee contributions remained consistent over the first half of the year.</p>
	09/28/23	:32	<p>In Valparaiso, a ribbon cutting and two-day grand opening celebration... October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> ...for the American Factory, Journeyman Distillery's new location on South Campbell Street. The project broke ground in December 2021 turning a former windshield wiper factory into a distillery, restaurant, retail area and more. It was home to various industries over a century but vacant for decades. Owner and operator Bill Welter said earlier it's an exciting next step for the Welter family, who first arrived in Valparaiso in the early 1900's and has had continuous business operations in the community since the 1970's.</p>