

Quarterly Issues Programs List for WLJE-FM
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WLJE-FM provides coverage of community issues in newscasts at regularly-scheduled times Monday through Friday. WLJE-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:
Transportation			
	07/15/22	:32	INDOT is accepting applications from local governments for the 2022 “community crossings” matching grant program. Cities, towns and counties receive a 75/25 or 50/50 grant depending on population size. Since 2016, the state has awarded more than \$1 billion in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects across Indiana. Long-term funding for Community Crossings is part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017. The application deadline is August 31, 2022 at 5pm eastern time.
	07/22/22	:25	An update from operators of the South Shore Line says sections of track are being laid in select areas of the Double Track Northwest Indiana project, including in the Town of Pines area and Michigan City. NICTD (nick-dee) also says 11th Street construction in Michigan City is very active at this time, with ongoing utility, Overhead Contact System, platform and curb, gutter and sidewalk work in progress. The project is adding nearly 17-miles of second track to the commuter line between Gary and Michigan City, with expanded double track service expected to begin in 2024.
	07/22/22	:24	A draft version of Indiana's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan is now available online for review. Through a federal program, INDOT says the state is set to receive significant federal formula funding over five years to support the construction and operation of Direct-Current Fast Charging stations along alternative fuel corridors as designated by the Federal Highway Administration. Written public comment on Indiana's plan will be accepted through August 20th.
	07/22/22	:25	In Lake County, INDOT says a project to improve traffic flow and safety along the state's busiest interstate corridor is moving to its next phase. 80/94 FlexRoad is meant to identify the best solutions and strategies being considered include dynamic shoulder lanes, variable speed limits, ramp metering, lane control and queue warning systems, with a goal of 'less stop and more go'. The project is along the Borman Expressway from I-65 in Indiana on the east to Illinois 394 on the west. INDOT also says the next public meeting is expected this fall. We have a link for more details at our website.
	08/01/22	:32	In Michigan City, Drive Clean Indiana is bringing together industry experts from across the country on August 9 for a one-day sustainable transportation conference and expo. The event

			will feature two full exhibit halls, panel discussions, indoor and outdoor vehicle displays, networking, the annual awards ceremony and more. All attendees will hear about Indiana's electric vehicle charging network plan during the panel discussions taking place during the luncheon portion of the event. A full list of speakers and the agenda are available online and we have a link for more information at our website.
	08/04/22	:28	Indiana is joining Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin in a collaboration to build what they're calling "America's Best Electric Vehicle Road Trip", an "electric Route 66". An announcement by Michigan's Governor yesterday (Wed) said the Lake Michigan E-V Circuit Tour will have a network of chargers spanning eleven-hundred miles of drivable shoreline around Lake Michigan, "America's next iconic road trip route, specifically for electric vehicles". She says the announcement shows the country that the Midwest "is the place to be for clean energy and small business growth."
	08/04/22	:53	Drive Clean Indiana is holding their annual conference and expo next Tuesday at Blue Chip's Stardust Event Center. It's a one-day sustainable transportation conference & expo with numerous exhibitors, indoor/outdoor vehicle & equipment displays. Executive Director of Drive Clean Indiana Carl Lisek (lissek) says the event is open to the public... 8-3-22lisek1 :15 oc: state of Indiana The expo runs till 2:30pm Tuesday August 9 in Michigan City. We have a link for details at our website and you can hear more Region newsmakers under news audio on demand at our website.
	08/11/22	:44	A heavily used Lake County connection will undergo a makeover as Mike Bonaventura reports... 8-10-22_ridgewrap_MB :38 oc: standard ****Full story**** In Munster, a federal RAISE grant will be used for renovations for over a mile of Ridge Road. First District Congressman Frank J. Mrvan Junior announced the grant Wednesday (August 10th) for the Ridge Road Complete Streets Project. More than 17-million dollars will be used to renovate Ridge Road from five lanes to three, add a 10-foot wide multi-use path on the south side of the street, plant more than 250 trees, and install landscaping, signage, and pedestrian seating. Town Manager Dustin Anderson commented, ""This award will allow the Town to implement our community-driven vision for a more human-focused built environment."
	08/26/22	:65	INDOT today (Friday) hosted a media briefing to announce new planning studies along the U.S. 30 and U.S. 31 corridors. The project area includes U.S. 30 from Valparaiso to the Indiana/Ohio state line, excluding the Fort Wayne bypass, and U.S. 31 from Hamilton County north to Plymouth, excluding the Kokomo bypass. Local counties in the study area include Porter, LaPorte, Starke, and Marshall. Natalie Garrett, strategic communications director for INDOT:

			<p>ProPEL_1 :12 ...US 31. Garrett says input will be vital to the process: ProPEL_2 :15 ...deliver goods and services. Public meetings for the ProPEL (proh-pel) – Planning-and-Environmental Linkages -- studies will be scheduled and websites will be available.</p>
	09/08/22	:54	<p>A Region planning agency is seeking your input as Mike Bonaventura reports... 9-7-22_nwipluswrap_MB :44 oc: standard</p> <p>***Full Story***</p> <p>NIRPC is soliciting feedback for it's "NWI 2050 Plus" plan. The Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission says the plan is to develop a regional vision for all types of transportation and guide how federal funds will be used for transportation projects. Transportation Planning Manager Mitch Barloga... 9-7-22_barloga-nirpsc :07 oc: NWI</p> <p>A major emphasis of NWI 2050 Plus will help determine how to make walking, biking, and using public transportation easier to travel from home to important destinations in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties. More details at NIRPSC-dot-org</p> <p>Anchor tag: We have that link at our website.</p>

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Health			
	07/01/22	:60	<p>Spotlight on health... The CDC is reminding everyone to be aware that COVID-19 is still around and cases have been on the rise. Experts say everyone needs to take precautions, but that's especially true for people with pre-existing conditions like diabetes.</p> <p>GACVPrediabetesRiskA1 :11 ...chronic illness. Dr. Christopher Holliday, Director of the CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation, also says prediabetes increases a person's risk for more severe complications from COVID-19.</p> <p>GACVPrediabetesRiskA2_1 :13 ...have prediabetes. Dr. Holliday says prediabetes is reversible.</p> <p>GACVPrediabetesRiskA3_1 :14 ...prevention program.</p> <p>For more information, you can visit "Do-I-Have-Prediabetes-dot-org." (www.DoIHavePrediabetes.org)</p>
	07/15/22	01:40:00 AM	<p>A press conference announced priorities for mental health throughout the Hoosier State, Mike Bonaventura has the story... 7-14-22_fssawrap_MB 1:35 oc: standard</p> <p>**Full Story**</p>

			<p>The Family and Social Services Administration today (yesterday July 14) in Indianapolis announced new programs for those who need help with mental health. Secretary of FSSA Dr. Dan Rusyniak (roos-IN-ee-AK) announced the new investments...</p> <p>7-14-22_fssa1a :21 oc: response system He says local community organizations can apply for mental health help through the Community Catalyst Grant...</p> <p>7-14-22_fssa1 :17 oc: officers Riley Childrens Health President Gil Perri...</p> <p>7-14-22_fssa2 :23 oc: standard Riley Children's Health will embed their mental health professionals in primary care networks throughout the state. Officials at the conference did say it's important for the state to have predictable and consistent services no matter who responds to a mental health crisis.</p>
	07/15/22	:25	<p>Repeat COVID infections are becoming more commonplace, with some folks getting the virus three or four times. Public health experts say this is due to a new subvariant called BA.5 which is spreading quickly. Dr. Gerald Parker at Texas A&M: COVIDReinfection1_1 :05 ...or vaccinations.</p> <p>He says the big concern is the cumulative effect of contracting COVID-19 multiple times. He worries it'll lead to more cases of what's known as Long COVID in which patients struggle with symptoms long after testing negative. The state dept of health says in Indiana in the 7-day average of COVID-19 cases about 20-percent are re-infections.</p>
	07/15/22	:50	<p>The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter is offering a new caregiver support group in Michigan City. The support group will meet the last Thursday of each month beginning in July at 1:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church on East Coolspring Avenue. Julie Collins, Northwest Indiana program manager, Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter: Collins_ALZ_newsupportgroup :21 ...information and resources.</p> <p>Additional support groups are already offered in Dyer and in Porter County. All programs and support groups are free of charge. Registration is suggested but not required. We have a link at our website for more details.</p>
	08/10/22	:90	<p>Spotlight on health... More people are catching COVID more than once. Emerging medical evidence suggests getting infected twice or more can heighten long-term health risks. IDDBlumberginflammation_1_1 :06 ...inflammation.</p> <p>UC Davis infectious disease expert Dr. Dean Blumberg says systemic inflammation can cause long-term damage to many organ systems. IDDBlumbergDamage_1_1 :10 ...down the road. Blumberg noted this about the BA.5 variant. IDDBlumbergimmunity_1_1 :09 ...previous infections. Blumberg adds you can get a breakthrough infection with BA.5,</p>

			<p>even three- to four weeks after an infection with a previous variant.</p> <p>The Governor's Public Health Commission released its report Thursday. Governor Holcomb appointed a 15 member commission in August of 2021 to examine the strengths and weaknesses of Indiana's healthcare system. The recommendations include, ensuring every local health department can provide foundational public health services; stable, recurring and accessible funding; enhancing training, recruitment and retention; enhancing data analytics resources for local health departments; improving emergency preparedness and filling gaps in EMS workforce and increasing the number of school nurses for school based healthcare. Those recommendations will form the basis of proposed legislation for the 2023 legislative session.</p>
	08/16/22	:90	<p>Spotlight on health...</p> <p>College students around the midwest are moving back onto college campuses this week (Aug 14-20). An Iowa doctor is reminding students to pay attention to their mental health, including feelings of anxiety and depression.</p> <p>20220815CollegeHealth1_1 :11 ...will be.</p> <p>Dr. Laura Bowshier [[BOW-sure]] of MercyOne Wauke, Family Medicine in Iowa. She also reminds students to pack a first-aid kit.</p> <p>A new study finds that helmets significantly reduce the risk of traumatic brain injuries. According to an updated policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics, helmets should be worn while participating in recreational sports. Those include bicycling, snow sports, ice skating and equestrian sports. Bike riding is considered one of the leading causes of sports-related head injuries. A past study of U.S. bike helmet use among children ages five through 17 reported that only 42-percent always wore one -- and 31-percent didn't at all.</p> <p>New research shows tinnitus (tih-NY-tiss) may affect 740 million people worldwide. A study published last week estimates more than 14 percent of adults experience persistent ringing in their ears and 2 percent experience a severe form of tinnitus. Prevalence of tinnitus increased with age, steadily rising from 10 percent of young adults to 24 percent of older adults. Researchers found tinnitus is seen as a major problem by more than 120 million people, most age 65 or older.</p>
	08/18/22	:46, :54	<p>Region residents can join the fight to end Alzheimer's and other dementias by participating in the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's. Laura Forbes, Communications Director,</p>

			<p>Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter: ALZForbes_1 :16 ...and participants. The event will be held in three locations throughout the Region. The Lake County Walk is September 18 at Wicker Memorial Park in Highland. The Porter County Walk will be held October 2 at the Urschel Pavilion in downtown Valparaiso. The season will wrap up on October 8 with the LaPorte County Walk at Washington Park in Michigan City. We have a link for more info at our website.</p> <p>Region residents can join the fight to end Alzheimer's and other dementias by participating in the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's. Laura Forbes, Communications Director, Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter: ALZForbes_2 :27 ...helps make it possible. The Lake County Walk is September 18 at Wicker Memorial Park in Highland. The Porter County Walk is October 2nd at the Urschel Pavilion in downtown Valparaiso. The season wrap ups October 8th with the LaPorte County Walk at Washington Park in Michigan City. We have a link for more info at our website.</p>
	09/12/22	:80	<p>Spotlight on health... In Lake and Porter counties, Community Healthcare System will host Stop the Stumble, a screening program in which physical and occupational therapists will assess balance, strength, endurance and mobility to determine whether adults are at high risk for falls. The screenings will take place noon to 4 p.m. September 22nd at locations in Munster, Schererville, Crown Point, East Chicago, St. John and Portage. The 15-minute fall risk screenings are free, but an appointment is required.</p> <p>In Gary, the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter is adding a caregiver support group in the city. The group will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. beginning in October at St. Timothy's Church on West 25th Ave. St. Timothy's Church will also host an education program called Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1 - 2 p.m., after church services. All programs and support groups are free of charge. Registration is suggested but not required. We have details at our website.</p> <p>There's a new phone app being developed that scientists hope can detect coronavirus. Dutch scientists say the app can detect COVID in someone's voice and is accurate about nine out of ten times. It uses coughing, talking and deep breathing to figure it out. It's believed coronavirus impacts vocal cords. The app is still undergoing testing before becoming available.</p>

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Education			

	07/15/22	:37	In Michigan City, Michigan City Area Schools says they are seeking more “high dosage” tutors to help address any learning slide students may have experienced due to the pandemic. Director of Curriculum Cathy Bildhauser says high-dosage tutoring, piloted at several schools last spring, can pinpoint specific gaps and address them with an individualized catch-up plan. High-dosage tutors work with students at the elementary and middle school levels in Language Arts, Reading, and Math. Students in groups of no more than four meet with tutors for 30 minutes per day, three days per week, during the school day, and the schedule can be flexible based on the tutor's availability. The application is at the school district's website.
	07/25/22	:30	The Indiana Department of Education Thursday announced a record number of schools statewide, including some in the Region, will receive grants to establish or expand dual language programs as part of Indiana’s Dual Language Immersion Pilot Program. To qualify for the grant, the program must begin in either kindergarten or first grade and use an instructional model that provides at least half of its instruction in a target language and the remaining time in English. Locally, funds were awarded for a new program at Harrison Elementary School in East Chicago and expanding programs at Irving Elementary in Hammond and Parkview in Valparaiso.
	07/26/22	:83	A closer look...A Region college is part of a cultural exchange program as Mike Bonaventura reports... 7-25-22_hossainwrap_MB 1:15 oc: standard ***full story*** In East Chicago, Ivy Tech has welcomed Fullbright Scholar Professor Mashrur Shahid Hossain (MASH-er shah-heed ho-sane) to campus to teach introduction to literature the first 8 weeks of fall semester. In the course, students will study works by Shakespeare, Maya Angelou, Nigerian and Bangla writers and learn how literature is perceived and practiced in various parts of the world. In a release Ivy Tech says students “will learn why literature matters in this age of artificial intelligence and sometimes increasingly intolerant points of view.” Professor Hossain says being a Fullbright Scholar carries with it certain ideas by Senator John Fullbright in 1945... 7-25-22_hossain :31 oc: friendship The Fullbright Program operates in over 160 countries around the world.
	08/16/22	:30	In Chesterton, Duneland Schools says the district will begin talks with the Duneland YMCA to transform the current Chesterton Middle School into an "education, health, and wellness hub". The district said the development of the site as the new home of the YMCA would be a continuation and expansion of the relationship between the two organizations. Chesterton Middle School used to be the home of Chesterton High School from 1922-2000. As part of its long-term capital improvement plan to reduce operational costs, Duneland Schools says it is moving from nine school buildings to eight.

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Environment			
	07/06/22	:35	<p>In West Lafayette, Purdue researchers have developed a recyclable, compostable and biodegradable adhesive based on zein (zee'-en), a protein in corn, and a Massachusetts-based company is planning to launch an initial line of products later this year. The co-founders of gluECO Adhesives say they realized the need for environmentally friendly options when they prepared to sell their house and “were dismayed” they could not recycle hundreds of hardcover books they owned because of the adhesive. Purdue says traditional adhesives are petroleum-derived, permanent and often toxic. One of the owners says he came across an article by Purdue professor Jonathan Wilker and had even spoken with him and re-established a relationship to learn about his corn-protein-based adhesive.</p>
	07/07/22	:40	<p>The Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County teams up with the regional non-profit Save the Dunes to spotlight Plastic Free July – a global movement dedicated to helping everyone find a solution to plastic pollution single-use and otherwise. Recycling district executive director Keri Marrs Barron (buh-RONE) says “Plastic waste is here, there and everywhere in Porter County” and residents are encouraged to start small and seek sustainable alternatives year-round. Dylan Hollingsworth, Community Engagement Coordinator for Save the Dunes, says “Small efforts can make a big difference. Bringing your own bags to the grocery store, using your own utensils when you order takeout, and switching from body wash to bar soap are a few simple ways to reduce your plastic usage. Every little bit counts.” The recycling district is featuring weekly Facebook challenges this month to engage the public.</p>
	07/14/22	:30	<p>Here's a 'Christmas in July' reminder... and it isn't about shopping but rather about prepping for the holiday season... it's from the Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County.... Laura Waluszko with details:</p> <p>ChristmasJulyCleanup-lw voicer :26 ...lw.</p> <p>If you're doing some early prep or cleanup for the 2022 holiday season, the recycling district says Porter County residents can take no-longer-working Christmas lights for proper disposal to their 3 area compost sites, which are in Boone Grove, Portage and Valparaiso. The district says they offer quick and easy recycling for corded holiday lights alongside standard electronics. We have a link for more information at Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website.</p>
	07/22/22	:94	<p>From Green zone and Animal corner under the Community dropdown menu at our website...</p> <p>Monarch butterflies are now considered an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, citing habitat loss and increased pesticide use among the factors. In Indiana and other midwestern states, people are trying to help</p>

			<p>rebuild the Monarch butterfly population. Bernadette Werner is an organic farmer in Marshfield, Wisconsin. 20220721MWSTmonarchbutterflies1_1 :11 ...stuff like that.</p> <p>Some people plant milkweed and other flowers in their yards to help feed Monarch butterflies and their caterpillars. Werner and her daughter go a step further 20220722Wlmonbutterflies3_1 :24 ...next generation. She says the butterflies seem to remember them. 20220721MWSTmonbutterflies5_1 :14 ...some of them do. She says planting more milkweed and other flowers up and down the 25-hundred mile migration route from the midwest to Mexico can help. Monarchs migrate south every fall, and then back north again every Spring.</p>
	08/01/22	:48	<p>From Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website... Shirley Heinze (hines) Land Trust has announced this year's application deadline is August 20th for their Bringing Nature Home Award, which celebrates and recognizes individuals' and business' native plant gardens. Mari Patis (MAH'-ree PATT'-iss), Programs Coordinator told us on Region Newsmakers: Patis_NativePlantGardens :21 ...connect communities to nature. Recipients receive a garden sign commemorating their achievements and a feature of their gardens in front of the Shirley Heinze audience on social media.</p>
	08/16/22	:28	<p>An environmental group says the Inflation Reduction Act is a historic win for birds and people. Marnie Urso (er-so), Senior Policy Director for Audubon Great Lakes said in a statement, "Critical relief is on the way for the Great Lakes region, " monumental action that will have a major impact for wildlife and communities. Urso said with the signing of this bill, billions of dollars will be on the way to restore high-quality local habitat like wetlands, noting wetland restoration can not only help bird populations rebound, but also improve water quality and decrease flooding.</p>
	09/07/22	:30	<p>The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is taking applications thru October 6th for its Community Recycling Grant Program. Projects should focus on education and promotion of recycling, processing of recyclable materials, waste reduction, or household hazardous waste and organics management, including yard waste management and composting. A news release said counties, municipalities, solid waste management districts, universities, schools, and nonprofit organizations in Indiana are eligible to submit an application requesting one-thousand to 100-thousand dollars in funding. We have a link for details at Green Zone under the Community dropdown menu at our website.</p>

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Business/Economic Development/Jobs			

	07/14/22	:59	<p>National and Illinois leaders partnered Thursday in the city to discuss re-igniting travel to Chicago and the Region. Mike Bonaventura has the story...</p> <p>7-13-22_chicagohotelwrap_MB :53 oc: standard</p> <p>Full story</p> <p>According to hospitality industry experts at the news conference...Pandemic related travel reductions saw hotels lose more than 5.4 billion dollars in Illinois and Chicago during 2020-2021 with a 1 billion dollar drop in state and local tax revenue. President and CEO of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association Michael Jacobsen says hotels are seeing major economic recoveries...</p> <p>7-13-22jacobsentavel :18 oc: covid19</p> <p>Jacobsen says leisure travel to Chicago is what is driving higher hotel occupancy numbers.</p>
	07/14/22	:24	<p>In Gary, Gary/Chicago International Airport has received a bond rating increase. Airport Authority Chairman Pete Visclosky said the ratings upgrade is welcome news to the airport and to the larger Northwest Indiana community "as we continue to broaden the airport's footprint as a regional economic driver," adding "It demonstrates a significant positive market reaction as we continue to emerge from the pandemic."</p>
	07/19/20	:50	<p>In Merrillville, the town is holding its second annual job fair this Thursday with more than 55 companies ready to hire employees, Town Council President Rick Bella...</p> <p>7-18-22_bellajob1 :11 oc: job fair</p> <p>Bella says the job fair is a big event...</p> <p>7-18-22_bellajob2 :18 oc: looking for jobs</p> <p>The Merrillville job fair will be at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center at 66-hundred Broadway</p>
	07/20/22	:30	<p>The Indiana Economic Development Corporation announced the state will receive up to \$99.1 million in federal funding through the State Small Business Credit Initiative to expand access to and increase capital for Hoosier entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses. The news release said Indiana is one of the first 14 states and territories to be approved by the U.S. Department of Treasury for this iteration of the program established in 2010 and reauthorized and funded through The American Rescue Plan Act in 2021.</p>
	07/20/22	:38	<p>In West Lafayette, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers Wednesday joined Purdue University President Mitch Daniels and executives from SkyWater Technology to announce the company's plans to build a 1-point-8-billion-dollar state-of-the-art semiconductor research-and-development and production facility. 750 new high-wage jobs are expected to be created in Tippecanoe County. A news release also said SkyWater's plans for a new U.S. facility are in direct response to the increased demand for domestic semiconductor</p>

			manufacturing. Founded in 2017, Skywater is headquartered in Bloomington, Minnesota. Details on when hiring could begin in West Lafayette and the types of positions being filled will be made available online at a future date.
	07/21/22	:38	<p>Congressional steel caucus co-chair and 1st district Congressman Frank J. Mrvan Junior Wednesday convened a hearing on the state of the steel industry.</p> <p>7-20-22_mrvansteel1 :10 oc: industry</p> <p>Mrvan says the federal government's bi-partisan infrastructure bill will help US steelmakers...</p> <p>7-20-22_mrvansteel2 :08 oc: those orders</p> <p>Representatives from the United Steelworkers, Cleveland Cliffs and US Steel were among those on hand to give testimony at yesterday's hearing.</p>
	07/21/22	:33	<p>In Washington DC Wednesday, Cleveland Cliffs President and CEO Lourenco Goncalves told lawmakers there is a unique opportunity to build the entire electric vehicle supply chain in the U-S, as the American vehicle fleet electrifies; however, he said for this "electrification revolution" to succeed...</p> <p>7-20-22Goncalves_CHIPSAct :13 ...that's a good start.</p> <p>The CHIPS Act is meant to boost computer chip production in the U.S. Goncalves was among those who spoke during a hearing on the state of the steel industry convened by Congressional Steel Caucus Co-Chair Region Congressman Frank J. Mrvan.</p>
	08/02/22	:31	<p>Indiana ranks number one for infrastructure in CNBC's 2022 Top States for Business annual rankings. It's the sixth year the Hoosier state has been in the top five, including No. 1 rankings in 2016 and 2019. CNBC analyzed the sustainability of each state's roads and bridges, along with utilities, other travel means, and potential development. The news release from INDOT lists several recent infrastructure accomplishments including the largest public transit projects in Indiana history which are in the Region: The West Lake extension and double tracking of the South Shore Line.</p>
	08/10/22	:60	<p>A Region company that started in popcorn and branched out from there is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Laura Waluszko has more:</p> <p>ChesterAnniversary-wrap :55 ...lw.</p> <p>Rich Shields, Director, Marketing and Business Development, Chester Incorporated, told us on Region Newsmakers:</p> <p>Shields_Chesterhistory :25 ...in 1947.</p> <p>Shields noted:</p> <p>Shields_PopcornSeed :10 ...agriculture.</p> <p>The Valparaiso-based company now has three divisions: Agricultural systems, architectural and construction, and information technologies. You can hear more about Chester Inc. at Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.</p>
	08/12/22	:27	<p>An Indiana initiative to help connect job seekers with employers is reminding Region residents about opportunities available. Next Level Jobs says it provides Hoosiers tuition-free job training in high-growth, high-income industries to earn certificates in five in-demand fields: advanced manufacturing, health sciences, transportation and logistics, construction, and I-T and business</p>

			services. It also offers employers reimbursements for training their employees. For details, visit for next level jobs dot org (nextleveljobs.org) .
	08/16/22	:30	Experts say inflation is turning the tables on the cost of making dinner at home vs eating out, here's Joe McConnell with more in consumer and business news: 8-16-22_EatingInEatingOut :22 ...since the 1970s.

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Infrastructure			
	07/05/22	:25	First District Congressman Frank J. Mrvan (mer-van) says more than 22-million dollars in economic and environmental projects he requested are included in House of Representatives Appropriations Measures for fiscal year 2023. They include sewer infrastructure work in the Calumet Region, shoreline restoration within Indiana Dunes National Park near Mount Baldy in Michigan City, funding to assist Whiting Police to obtain license plate readers, and funding to assist Valparaiso University College of Nursing's Skills Lab and Simulation Modernization project.
	07/20/22	:25	In Rensselaer, the city is getting a \$1.8 million federal grant to make streetscape infrastructure improvements that will help boost tourism in the core of the city's downtown. The grant, from the U-S Dept of Commerce and funded by the American Rescue Plan, will provide downtown Rensselaer with new sidewalks, pedestrian/bicycle paths, improved American with Disabilities Act access, stormwater improvements, new lighting, new trash receptacles, and renovated brick streets on Van Rensselaer and Harrison streets.
	07/28/22 07/29/22	:30	In Valparaiso, the city is sharing what it calls aggressive plans to enhance infrastructure, including roadways, alleys, sidewalks and pathways. The City also said 2022 will see the enhancement of more linear feet of alley than any other year in recent history. And, some notable pedestrian projects include the addition of three blocks of sidewalks along Center Street which a news release from the Mayors Office said will make travel to school safer for students, and initiating a new pathway along Harrison Boulevard from Ogden Gardens west, which is ultimately designed to reach Froberg Road, with construction advancing annually.
	08/04/22	:24, :30	In Crown Point, a bid has been awarded for phase one of the Sauerman Woods drainage improvement project. The Board of Works approved a 2-point-36 million dollar bid for Austgen Equipment. The first phase of the project includes the demolition of the Hub Pool and the excavation of a new pond. The work is set to address long-standing flooding issues on the southeast side of the city by upgrading stormwater capacity and improving drainage. In Crown Point, a bid has been awarded for phase one of the Sauerman Woods drainage improvement project. The first phase, beginning this month and wrapping up by the end of

			the year, includes the demolition of the Hub Pool and the excavation of a new pond. The final phase, set to be complete in 2024, includes a roundabout at U-S 231 and South Street. The work is set to address long-standing flooding issues on the southeast side of Crown Point by upgrading stormwater capacity and improving drainage.
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Community Outreach/ Public Safety			
	07/06/22 07/07/22	:78	A closer look... the Region's Salvation Army has now combined into a two county merger away from separate divisions from either Chicago or Western Michigan/Northern Indiana. Director of Development Kevin Feldman explains the July 1 merger... 6-24-22_salarmyfeldman1 :22 oc: resources He says the Region at-large will benefit... 6-24-22_salarmyfeldman2 :21 oc: better for it You can hear more at Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.
	07/06/22 07/07/22	:80	A closer look... Opportunity Enterprises is building a new respite center and the nonprofit wants to give clients a chance to actually operate an excavator to help "dig in" and begin prepping for the building of that center. Laura Waluszko has more: OERespiteOpp-lw wrap 1:12 ...lw. Jeff Berglund, Vice President of Berglund Construction, the contractors for the center, says they want to contribute to the culture of inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility that Opportunity Enterprises prioritizes: berglund_OEmission :20 ...that mission. Alison Martin, Development Director for Opportunity Enterprises, says five sponsorship opportunities of five-thousand dollars per sponsor is something that is also being made available: alsion_OEsponsoropp :26 ...as well You can hear more at Region Newsmakers at News Audio on Demand at our website.
	07/22/22	:30	In Valparaiso, plans are coming together for this year's National Night Out. The Valparaiso Police is inviting community members and neighborhood groups to be part of this national celebration that brings communities and police together. The festivities begin at 6 pm August 2 nd as officers will again be visiting neighborhoods; activities and events in prior years have included games, ice cream socials, cook outs, and small block style parties. Members of the department will include K9, Bike Patrol, support staff, Patrol Division, and Investigations. For more information or

			to be part of this year's event, contact the Valparaiso Police Department. Registration closes July 26 th at 4:00 p.m.
	07/28/22	:60	<p>A closer look.. In Portage, Assistant Fire Chief Dan Kodicek (code-ih-chek) says Portage Firefighters with Portage Kiwanis (kih-wah-niss) are having a Safety Day this Saturday:</p> <p>Kodicek_SafetyDay_1 :25 ... really mean.</p> <p>Kodicek added:</p> <p>Kodicek_SafetyDay_2 :15 ...and bicycle safety.</p> <p>The event meant for young children up thru high school is 10am to noon Saturday July 30th at Willowcreek Middle School parking lot. Kids are encouraged to bring their own bicycles, but there will be a few loaner bikes available.</p>
	08/01/22	:48	<p>Police Departments around the Region, state and the country will celebrate National Night Out tomorrow night. Sue Danielson has some background from Des Moines:</p> <p>20220801IADMNatNiteOutV_1 :19 SOQ</p> <p>Locally, a variety of celebrations are planned. In Valparaiso, police will be visiting neighborhoods. In Crown Point, residents are invited to Legacy Fields 6-9 pm for an event that will include a softball game featuring Crown Point Police and Fire Departments. In Merrillville, the town says meet your neighbors and police officers at National Night Out at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center 5-to-8 pm Tuesday.</p>
	08/04/22	:36, :33	<p>There's still time to register to be part of a huge annual volunteer effort in the Region that's happening tomorrow, Friday August 5th:</p> <p>Anicia_DayofCaring2022 :16 ...client support projects.</p> <p>Anicia (uh-NISH-uh) Kosky, Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Northwest Indiana, says projects include painting, landscaping, building, cleaning, hosting social activities, collection drives and more. Volunteers can choose from in-person, virtual and donation drive opportunities. The event kicks off with a rally breakfast in Valparaiso. We have a link for details at our website.</p> <p>There's still time to sign up to be part of the largest single-day volunteer event across Northwest Indiana, happening tomorrow, Friday August 5th. Anicia (uh-NISH-uh) Kosky, Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Northwest Indiana:</p> <p>Anicia_Volunteers2022 :13 ...encouraged to participate.</p> <p>Projects include painting, landscaping, building, cleaning, hosting social activities, collection drives and more. We have a link at our website to see the list of projects and register.</p>
	08/09/22	:42	<p>In South Haven, the fire department purchased new essential gear with a 5-thousand dollar grant from Portage Walmart. They bought a battery-powered positive pressure light-weight fan which is used to clear homes of smoke and other dangerous gasses such as carbon monoxide. It replaces a much heavier 20-year-old gas-powered fan.</p> <p>The second piece of equipment purchased was a battery-</p>

			<p>powered Milwaukee ventilation saw outfitted with a fire service conversion kit. The saw is used to cut holes in the roof of a house where heat, smoke and gasses have not yet escaped, making it safer for firefighters in the house to operate. Both pieces of equipment increase firefighter safety and will help improve efficiency on emergency scenes and they were purchased at zero cost to taxpayers thanks to the grant.</p>
	08/10/22	:30	<p>Nearly 11-hundred volunteers fanned out across the Region this past Friday for the United Way's annual Day of Caring, completing seventy projects that helped out more than 40 nonprofits. As the largest single-day volunteer event in Northwest Indiana, Day of Caring brings together residents and businesses to help area nonprofits with cleanup projects and more, like landscaping, painting, and collection drives. Volunteers worked on projects in Lake, Porter, LaPorte, and Starke counties. United Way of Northwest Indiana's regional volunteer center offers volunteer opportunities throughout the year and we have that link at our website. (nwivolunteer.org)</p>
	08/17/22	:54	<p>A closer look...</p> <p>In Porter County, Union Volunteer Fire is marking its 70th year in 2022. The community is invited to help celebrate at the fire department's open house this weekend where they'll also be selling supporter t-shirts to help raise money for equipment. Fire Captain Cody Chayhitz tells us more about the event:</p> <p>chayhitz_1 :36 ...spray fire hose. Chayhitz says the doll house is about six feet tall, built by one of their firefighters to provide this moment for kids:</p> <p>chayhitz_2 :05 ...built this house. The open house is at Union Fire Station Two on 600 West, Sunday August 21st, from noon to four.</p>
	09/15/22	:68	<p>Neighbors helping neighbors...A region city is working together to benefit neighborhoods, Mike Bonaventura has more...</p> <p>9-14-22_valpograntwrap_MB :61 oc: standard</p> <p>Full Story</p> <p>In Valparaiso, neighborhoods can begin applying for the "neighborhood improvement grant program." Community Engagement Director Maggie Clifton...</p> <p>9-14-22clifton1 :15 oc: dollars</p> <p>Clifton says it's a way for neighborhoods to come together for a specific need...</p> <p>9-14-22clifton2 :12 oc: this program</p> <p>The grant is funded by Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission and has completed 79 projects since 2018. For details visit the</p>

			<p>community engagement page at valpo-dot-U-S or attend a free upcoming workshop, Tuesday October 15 at 5pm.</p>
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Tag: Valpo will host a free Neighborhood Workshop on Tuesday, October 18 at 5 pm at City Hall with an overview of the grant program, highlights of successful projects and how to apply. We have a link at our website.