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## Northwest Indiana knits over 1,000 red hats to give hope for congenital heart defects

Each year approximately 40,000 babies are born in the United States with a congenital heart defect. Thousands of them will not reach their first birthday and thousands more die before they reach adulthood. There is reason for hope through continued research and awareness.

The tiniest patients at hospitals in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte County received hand-made red hats as part of the American Heart Association's 'Little Hats, Big Hearts' campaign.

With the support of local sponsor, Bosak Auto Group, the American Heart Association collected over

1,000 hats and distributed 100 hats to each participating hospital in Northwest Indiana.

Hats were collected at all five Bosak Auto Group locations in February. Additionally, Bosak Fund-raised through paper heart sales, and placed donation tins throughout their dealerships. Via a combination of corporate sponsorship and fundraising, Bosak Auto Group was able to present the American Heart Association with a check for over ten thousand dollars which will help to fund lifesaving research in the region.

"This has been a mean-  
(See *Red Hats* Pg. 5)



## Food Bank of NWI, NIMO announce 'Pantry on the Go' program will continue for 7th year

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and Northwest Indiana McDonald's Owners-Operators (NIMO) today announced that 'Pantry on the Go', the mobile food distribution program that serves more than 350,000 individuals in Northwest Indiana each year, will return for its seventh consecutive year in 2017. Pantry on the Go serves up to 250 meals each week to households across the Region between March and the end of the year.

The 2017 program began Wednesday at the Banta Center at 605 Beech Street in Valparaiso, and will continue

through the end of the year. Locations for Pantry on the Go are posted on the Food Bank's website each month and updates are regularly available on Facebook and Twitter. Unless otherwise noted, the Pantry on the Go visits each location from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The weekly Pantry on the Go program travels throughout Northwest Indiana, stopping at churches, schools, organizations, and other destinations to distribute food assistance. Local Northwest Indiana McDonald's managers, supervisors, and crew members serve as volunteers

at each location.

"Hunger exists in every community and affects more than 100,000 people across Northwest Indiana. Thanks to Pantry on the Go, many of these individuals and families have greater access to nutritious food," said Steve Beekman, executive director of the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. "We are grateful not only for NIMO's support of this program, but for the many volunteers from local McDonald's restaurants who give their time to ensure this critical food assistance reaches those who need it most."

The partnership between NIMO and the Food Bank provides access to grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy and proteins for local families and individuals who are struggling with hunger and lack access to good, nutritious food. Those who feel they could benefit from the Pantry on the Go service need only to visit the assigned location with proof of Indiana residency (photo ID, utility bill, etc.) to receive food assistance.

"McDonald's owner/operators across Northwest Indiana understand first-hand the issues impacting those



that are less fortunate in the region. We are passionate about contributing in any way we can to improve the quality of life for Indiana

residents who are food insecure," said Rod Lubeznik, NIMO Board President and a McDonald's owner/operator

(See *Food* Pg. 4)

## Local school hosts their own March Madness tournament

St. Mary Catholic School in Crown Point hosted its annual March Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament. It was another family event for the St. Mary's. Wildcats, as young and old came out to be a part of the fun.

The tournament consisted of the 5th/6th graders in one bracket and the 7th/8th graders in the other.

Seventeen teams came out this year.

"I'm very grateful to you all our alumni who came back to referee the games. Our youngsters really look up to them," said principal Tom Ruiz.

Elias Gerodemos, Nick Geisen, Sam Krutz, Adam Warren, Nathan Waren,



JDBN Island. Pictured from left to right are referee Sam Krutz, referee Nick Geisen, Dorian Harris, Jacob Harris, Ben Jones, Nick Flesher, and referee Adam Warren.

Anthony Pelicane, and Michael Mantel all came out to show their support for St. Mary's and spend time with the younger students. The event was organized by St.

Mary's gym teacher Melanie Light.

"The Hoopers" won the 5th/6th grade bracket against 'The Icers'. James Mantel (6th grade) from 'The



The Hoopers, pictured left to right: referee Nathan Waren, referee Anthony Pelicane, James Mantel, Owen Olenik, Alex Rueth, Randy Lach, and referee Michael Mantel.

Hoopers' was quoted saying, "Both teams played a great game. Throughout the night, the teams all had good sportsmanship and played their best."



Students participating in St. Mary's 'March Madness' 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Team 'JDBN Island' won the 7th/8th grade bracket against team 'Mega 4X'. When asked about the night, eighth grader Nick Flesher said, "Success is worth the

pain. Both teams played a terrific game. It was a great night of competition and basketball."

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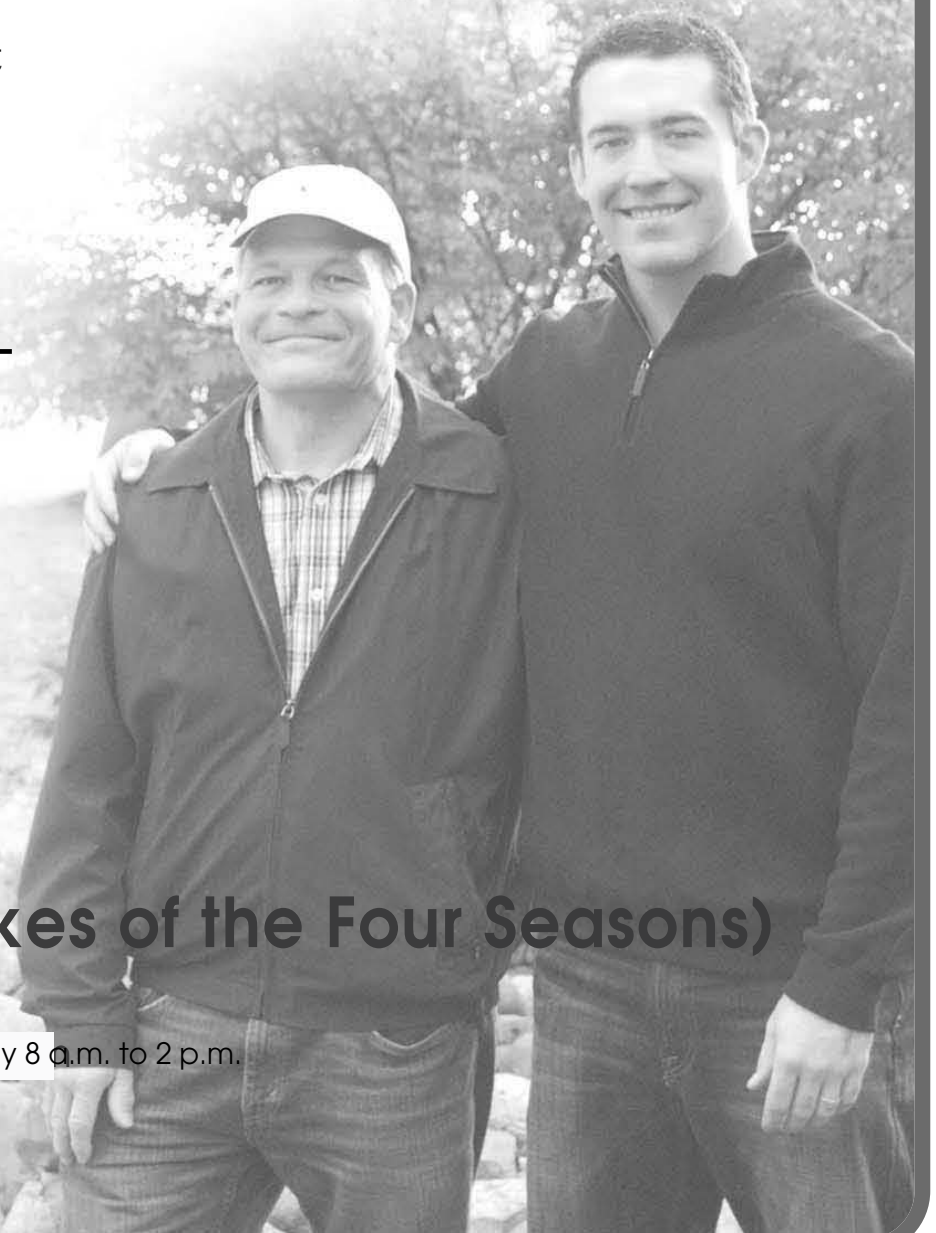
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Israel's Atar Trio's upcoming concert is free at Valpo University on April 3

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For anyone who hasn't experienced Atar Trio, visit their website at [www.atar-trio.com](http://www.atar-trio.com).

Ficek admitted to Cornell College

Students from around the country were admitted to Cornell College for the Fall 2017 semester, including Bailey Ficek of Crown Point.

One of the select 'Colleges That Change Lives', Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, is a national liberal arts college with a distinctive 'One Course At A Time' curriculum. The One Course schedule provides students

the chance to dive into their studies, focus more intensely on the disciplines of their choice, and learn authentically with the unique freedom to shed the confines of the traditional classroom to study off-campus, pursue research, or accept an internship; all without missing out on other classes.

For more information, visit [www.cornellcollege.edu](http://www.cornellcollege.edu).

'Shifting Sands' documentary to be shown at Gibson Woods Nature Preserve on Sunday, April 2

'Shifting Sands' On the Path to Sustainability' will be shown at Gibson Woods on Sunday, April 2, at 1 p.m. The event is completely free, but call 219-844-3188 to register.

'Shifting Sands' explores the unique area along the southern shores of Lake Michigan. The Calumet Region boasts natural beauty and a rich history of both science and industry. As we continue to shift into the 21st century, the question of sustainability becomes even more important. Will a natural and globally rare ecosystem survive among

the smokestacks of heavy industry?

'Shifting Sands' producer Patricia Wisniewski will be available to help guide discussion and answer questions. Teaching information will also be available for educators to bring into the classroom.

Gibson Woods Nature Preserve is located at 6201 Parrish Avenue in Hammond.



(Food from Pg. 1)

in Northwest Indiana. "The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana plays a critical role in the Region and we are honored to support their efforts."

"The partnership between the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and the Northwest Indiana McDonald's Owner-Operators brings the Pantry on the Go to many communities across the region," said Dave Furman, a Food Bank board member and president of Restaurant Management Corporation and McDonald's team member in Northwest Indiana for 40 years. "Through this program, the Food Bank is able to bring meals directly to the people they serve. Pantry on the Go eliminates transporta-

tion as a potential barrier for the distribution of food to those in need."

For more information on Pantry on the Go or Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, including updated locations for the program, please call 219-980-1777 or visit [www.foodbanknwi.org/POG](http://www.foodbanknwi.org/POG).

The Northwest Indiana McDonald's Operators are a group of 16 northwest Indiana owner-operators with more than 50 restaurants throughout Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Jasper, and Newton Counties. NIMO manages and facilitates all marketing, community relations, educational and philanthropic programs throughout the region, and is responsible

for implementing and maintaining consistency at every Northwest Indiana restaurant.

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana has been leading the Region's fight against hunger since 1982 and distributes more than 4.2 million meals each year to hungry kids, adults and seniors across Lake and Porter counties.

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EMT certification is the minimum level of accreditation needed to provide patient care in an ambulance. Upon completion of the course, students will have

working knowledge of basic life support care, ambulance operations, Hazmat awareness, anatomy, physiology, and more.

For more information or to register, contact EMS Academy coordinator Matthew Eddy at 219-932-2300, ext. 34578.

(Red Hats from Pg. 1)

ingful experience as many Bosak employees and community members dropping off hats have shared their personal heart stories throughout the activation of this partnership,” said Theresa Bosak, owner of Bosak Auto Group. “Bosak Auto Group is committed to be a premiere sponsor of Northwest Indiana’s Little Hats, Big Hearts program for the next two years and we are excited to keep the momentum going from the success of this first year.”

The ‘Little Hats, Big Hearts’ program raises awareness of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans, and congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the country. Each hat is laundered and individually packaged with information on heart disease.

“As a mother, I am proud to support the American Heart Association in raising awareness of these defects and raising funds for continued research on CHD so more babies can live long, healthy lives,” said Bosak.

On February 10, a little volunteer with a big heart helped distribute the hats to the hospitals. Quinn Hansen, 16 months old of Portage, was diagnosed with a con-

genital heart defect at birth. Accompanied by her mother, Karli Hansen, and grandmother, Mary Ann Hansen, she visited the new moms and babies in hospitals throughout the Region.

Quinn was born with Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF). She since has had two open heart surgeries to complete the repair of her congenital heart defect.

“It is vital to bring awareness to our community and to continue raising the funds that make research on congenital heart defects possible. Because American Heart Association is a lead funding source for research for congenital heart defects Quinn is now a happy, healthy baby with a normal life expectancy,” said MaryAnn Hansen.

Congenital Heart Defects Facts:

- Congenital heart defects are America’s and every country’s #1 birth defect. Nearly one of every 100 babies is born with a CHD.
- Congenital heart defects are the #1 cause of birth defect related deaths.
- Congenital heart defects are the leading cause of all infant deaths in the United States.
- Each year approximately 40,000 babies are born in the

United States with a congenital heart defect.

Red hats for the 2018 campaign will be accepted at all Bosak Auto Group locations through the remainder of 2017. Hats can be both newborn and preemie sizes made of yarn that is red; cotton or acrylic; medium to heavy weight; and machine washable and dryable. To learn more about the program, call 219-765-0127 or visit [www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts](http://www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts).

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Tickets are \$35 per person and will go on sale on April 1.

Updated information will be forthcoming via our Facebook page LOFS FRC or local newspapers or, for additional information and ticket sales, contact Wendy VanDenburgh direct at (219) 309-9530.

So, save the date, Sunday, May 7 (doors open at noon) for an afternoon of fun and fashion. Seating is limited for this always **SOLD OUT EVENT**, so be sure to get your tickets early! Support your community; we are a not-for-profit organization and all profits are put back into the LOFS community!

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## Obituary ~ Elaine Sabau

Elaine Sabau, age 81, of Crown Point (LOFS) IN, passed away on March 20, 2017. Elaine was a past member of the LOFS POA, past board member of Planned Parenthood, Ladies Bridge Club, and associate editor of the LOFS Seasonal. She loved being a member of the LOFS Lions Club and was a Charter Member of the Church of the Four Seasons. Elaine was preceded in death by her husband - Daniel Sabau, daughter- Susan Mandel, parents- James and Annadean Deacon. She is survived by her children- Robin (Kevin) Moss of Naperville, IL, Kathleen (Bruce) Mandel-Pillar of Valparaiso, IN, Stephen (Tami) Mandel of Carlsbad, NM; 9 grandchild-



dren; 6 great-grandchildren. Friends visited with Elaine's family on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 1-5 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Cremation at Burns Funeral Home Crematory will follow. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

## Obituary ~ J.C. Bizzle

J.C. Bizzle, age 88, of Crown Point, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2017. He was born in Dyersburg, TN on January 27, 1929, to the late Emmett E. and Ellie H. Bizzle. J.C. worked as a crane operator at US Steel Tube Works until his retirement in 1986. He was an avid Cubs fan and also enjoyed golfing and bowling. J.C. will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Mary Geraldine Bizzle; daughter, Diane Bizzle; 3 grandchildren, Angela (Jay) Hegde, Kim (Mike) Gavaller, Tammy Vandervijst; 4 great grandchildren, Eden (Ryan) Gill, Sabrina (Tyler) Shockey, Chuck Beach, Giana Gavaller; one great granddaughter, Natalie Shockey; sister, Helen Mooney; nieces, Lori and Corie Mooney; and nephew, Steven (Donna) Bizzle. J.C.

was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Dale Bizzle and brother, J.L. Bizzle. Visitation for J.C. was held on Friday, March 24, 2017, from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph St., Winfield/Crown Point, 46307. Funeral services were on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel with Rev. Dallas Fields officiating. Burial followed at Calumet Park Cemetery. For information please call (219) 661-2600 or go online at [www.reesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reesfuneralhomes.com) to extend condolences.

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## Red Cross calls for type O negative and AB blood donors

The American Red Cross is issuing a call for type O negative and AB blood donors to make an appointment to give after severe winter weather in some parts of the country caused about 250 Red Cross blood drives to cancel in March, resulting in more than 8,500 uncollected blood donations.

Type O negative blood and type AB plasma are two of the most in-demand blood products by hospitals. Those who give can help patients locally or across the country as the Red Cross has the ability to move blood products where and when they are needed most.

"All blood types are needed to meet the constant need of patients, and there is a significant need now for type O negative and AB donations to help some of the most

vulnerable patients," said Rodney Wilson, communications manager for Red Cross Blood Services. "We ask that you schedule an appointment to roll up a sleeve to help save a life in the coming days."

Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is often needed in emergency situations when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type. While less than 7% of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, hospitals depend on frequent O negative donations to ensure it's always available for patients in need. Type O negative blood donors are an important part of the Red Cross trauma team.

Type AB is the universal plasma type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type in an emergency.

Plasma helps maintain blood pressure and supplies critical proteins for clotting and immunity. Plasma can be donated through a blood donation.

Eligible donors can learn more, find a donation opportunity and schedule an appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or calling 800-733-2767. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18

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## Youth, family activities at Indiana Dunes Birding Festival on May 6

The Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, May 4 to 7, isn't just for serious birders.

Participants can expect a wide range of activities for young bird enthusiasts and families looking to explore birds in their backyards. For young birders and their families, the highlight is the Youth and Family Birding Day at Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center on Saturday, May 6.

The day is sponsored by the Indiana Young Birders Club (IYBC). IYBC will offer beginning bird walks, bird ID quizzes with prizes and bird banding demonstrations. The Isaak Walton League will host a free bluebird box building workshop throughout the day. The Indiana Dunes Learning Center staff will have hands-on activi-

ties also. The International Crane Foundation will also be present with their mascot, 'Hope', a seven-foot tall Muppet crane created by the Jim Henson Company.

Organized by the Indiana Audubon Society, the festival will highlight the dunes area's rich biodiversity and bird-watching opportunities.

Registration has already begun and runs through April. However, the Youth and Family Birding Day is free, regardless of registration to the rest of the festival activities, which include live bird of prey shows, morning birding tours, evening social events, and more. Register at [www.indunesbirdingfestival.com](http://www.indunesbirdingfestival.com). For more information, call the state park nature center at 219-926-1390.

## IDHS partners with all 92 Indiana counties to provide all-hazard radios to residents

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is partnering with all 92 counties in the state to distribute more than 2,200 all-hazard weather radios to Hoosiers. The radios will be distributed on the local level by each county's emergency management agency.

"Receiving early warnings is critical to safety during severe weather events," said John Erickson, IDHS director of public affairs. "All-hazard radios, which provide a wide range of alerts, are a valuable tool that can help citizens make decisions to better protect themselves and their families."

The distribution focuses on citizens who are particularly vulnerable to the damaging effects of severe weather:

economically disadvantaged citizens, residents of mobile and prefabricated homes, and others who may not be able to receive weather alerts by traditional means. Federal grants funded the purchase of the radios.

Mobile homes and other similar structures provide minimal protection against severe weather and other life-threatening disasters. In the event of severe weather,

IDHS advises mobile home residents to seek shelter in a building with a strong foundation.

All-hazard radios receive more than 60 emergency alerts including hazardous weather, local area warnings and information on current conditions from the National Weather Service. In the event of a power outage, backup batteries power the radio.

Most all-hazard radios

require a Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) code number, which limits the emergency messages they receive to a specific geographic area. The list of Indiana counties and their corresponding SAME codes are available at [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov).

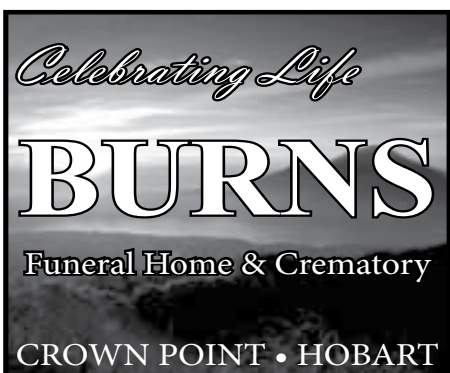
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The Warsaw Pact - the military alliance between the Soviet Union and its eastern European satellites -- came to an end.

The Warsaw Pact was formed in 1955, primarily as a response to the decision by the United States and its western European allies to include a re-armed West Germany in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1954, NATO nations voted to allow a re-armed West Germany into the organization. The Soviets responded with the establishment of the Warsaw Pact.

The original members included the Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Albania. Although the Soviets claimed that the organization was a defensive alliance, it soon became clear that the primary purpose of the pact was to reinforce communist dominance in Eastern Europe. In Hungary in 1956, and then again in Czechoslovakia in 1968, the Soviets invoked the pact to legitimize its interventions in squelching anticommunist revolutions.

By the late-1980s, however, anti-Soviet and anti-communist movements throughout Eastern Europe began to crack the Warsaw Pact. In 1990, East Germany left the Warsaw Pact in preparation for its re-unification with West Germany. Poland and Czechoslovakia also indicated their strong desire to withdraw. Faced with these protests - and suffering from a faltering economy and unstable political situation - the Soviet Union bowed to the inevitable.

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## 'Chair'ish the Children' reception at IWC to raise awareness of child abuse

The annual 'Chair'ish the Children' reception will be hosted at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond on April 26. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. visitors can view the decorated child-sized chairs and bid during the silent auction.

All monies raised benefit the Prevent Child Abuse Lake County (PCALC). The chairs will be on display from March 25 to April 26 in the W.F. Wellman Exhibit Hall at the Indiana Welcome Center during normal business hours.

The decorated chair exhibit is presented by PCALC. This year's exhibit includes categories for middle school students, high school students, and adult organizations that work with children.

During the reception, a panel of local artists and teachers will judge the chairs and award the top three schools in both the middle and high school categories with a cash prize to assist with their art department. The adult category is not eligible for a cash prize.

"Prevent Child Abuse Lake County is honored to work with our county's student artists and their dedicated teachers to remind us all about the importance of cherishing children. We are committed to raising awareness with this event about what everyone can do to protect the children in their community and the power of prevention," said Wendy Hensley, president of PCALC.

The one-of-a-kind chairs

will be auctioned during the reception and proceeds will be used to assist with future child abuse prevention programming. T

housands of dollars have been raised since the event auction began in 2011. Light refreshments will be served

and a suggested donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door; the event is open to the public.

PCALC is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect through education, increased awareness, and

advocacy. PCALC is affiliated with Prevent Child Abuse Indiana and provides education to schools and organizations on Shaken Infant Syndrome, along with distributing hospital packets to new mothers in local hospitals.

For more information about the event, or about PCALC, visit [www.pcalc.org](http://www.pcalc.org) or e-mail the organization at [pcalc@hotmail.com](mailto:pcalc@hotmail.com).

The Indiana Welcome Center is located at 7770 Corinne Drive in Hammond.

### DIRECTOR PROFILE: LARRY GEISEN



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### 'Safe Kids Day' program April 22

Franciscan Health Crown Point and the Southlake YMCA will offer a free Safe Kids Day event from 9 a.m. until noon on April 22 at the YMCA, located at 1450 South Court Street.

The program, also being done in conjunction with Safe Kids Day Northwest Indiana and the Crown Point Community Foundation, will include numerous activities and demonstrations, including: a fire safety simulator offered by the Lowell Fire Department; sports safety awareness, presented by the

Franciscan Health Crown Point Sports Medicine Institute; a water safety discussion by the YMCA; exercise safety and information on bicycle safety and helmet fitting, safe sleep and pet safety. Child identification cards also will be available.

A demonstration by the Crown Point police canine unit will take place at 11 a.m. Registration is required. Call 800-931-3322 or register online at [www.FranciscanHealth.org/SafeKidsDayNWI](http://www.FranciscanHealth.org/SafeKidsDayNWI).

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