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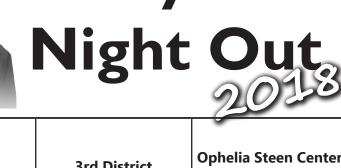


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Purdue Hosts Art Exhibition at CHESS

Purdue Northwest will be hosting a high school juried exhibition at CHESS Gallery at 6725 Kennedy Ave. in Hammond. On Saturday, March 17, the opening reception and awards ceremony will be from 6-9p.m.

The exhibition will run from March 17 to April 12 and will feature artwork by juniors and seniors from high schools across northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area. Students are encouraged to submit their artwork for a chance to win an award.

The entry and awards categories include ceramics, digital art, digital video, drawing, graphic design, and more. There will be an award for each category that includes 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, and honorable mention. There will be one award for Best in Show.

The deadline for entry is Friday, February 23 and there is no charge for submission. For more information on how to submit an entry, email chessartgallery@pnw.edu or call 219-989-2581.

Source: Purdue

University Northwest



Local Teacher Gives Back to Community

Rachel Paplomatas, a Warren Elementary School teacher, goes above and beyond to ensure students are being challenged in the classroom.

Paplomatas recently received a grant from the Highland Education Foundation to provide students with "Mind Benders." She was able to bring 10 strategy games such as Blue Orange, Dr. Ureka and Rubik's Cubes.

"These are games that challenge the students," said Paplomatas. "It requires them to become creative and innovative."

These games have helped facilitate more effective use of "Brain Breaks," which are a chance for students to get away from academics and refresh their minds. Since starting these breaks, Paplomatas has seen her students' productivity increase as well as their interest.

"The idea behind Brain Breaks is great," Paplomatas said. "They need to be well planned in order to help a child grow."

first round of awarding grants

to educators in Highland. Paplomatas is very appreciative of the foundation and believes it has been well received by the schools.

"These resources have allowed students to get out of their comfort zones to fail because the games allow them to make mistakes," explained Paplomatas. "And by reevaluating their mistakes, the children can learn from them and grow."

Paplomatas has taught in Highland for 18 years. She is also a Highland native and credits her success to the value of education instilled at an early age by her family. Paplomatas and her husband opened a learning center, Education Station, that provides tutoring services to students of the region.

"My family laid the foundation of education first," said Paplomatas "The teachers cared so much which helped my family and I embrace Highland as our community."

Source:

Highland **Education Foundation**

HEF just completed its



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Donate Blood During H Red Cross Month

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to join in its lifesaving mission by giving blood.

Since 1943, every U.S. president has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world. Red Cross Month is a celebration of supporters, who are the face of the Red Cross in their communities and bring hope to people facing emergencies.

Blood donor Timothy Sheely knows the need firsthand. His wife required 12 units of blood during emergency surgery following the birth of their son. "If it had not been for blood donors, she might not have survived," he said. "Thanks to generous blood donors, I still have a wife and my kids still have their mom. I can't possibly thank those people in person, but I can give a little piece of me back with each donation for the greater good."

the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed to help those rely on blood products.

Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross is to become a volunteer transportation specialist and deliver lifesaving blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play a very important role in ensuring an ample blood supply for patients in need by transporting blood and blood products. For more information and to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit redcross.org.

The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across Source:

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HEF Enhances Education Through Grants

The Highland Education Foundation provided \$9,000 in various grants to teachers of the Highland School system in October for enhancements in the classroom.

This was the foundation's first cycle of distributing grants since Judi Caddick, the president, established the foundation two years ago. The grants supplied the funding for learning materials littleBits, Education Lego Simple Machine Sets and leveled readers for kindergarten teachers.

Edward Stone, the foundation's treasurer, was appointed to the position in October 2016. He joined the organization because he believed someone needed to do more for the teachers and saw the district's need to be more innovative.

"The foundation acts as a catalyst to classroom innovation," Stone explained. "Teachers have good ideas, but the budget often makes it difficult to implement those ideas. HEF is the bridge that connects teachers to the funding."

Caddick has always understood the importance of education. A week after retiring from teaching in Illinois, she met with Superintendent Brian Smith to discuss plans to create the foundation that would benefit the schools in Highland.

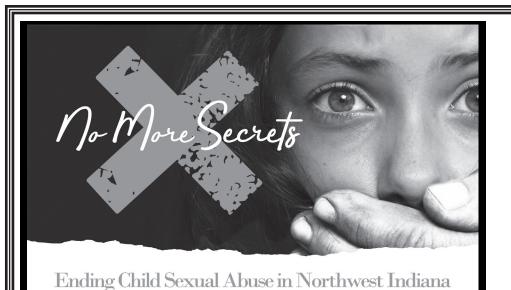
"It is gratifying to see that we have been able to positively impact the education of more than 1,000 students," Caddick said.

For more information about the foundation and the ways you can provide support contact Judi Caddick at 219-923-7621 or highlandedufdn@gmail. com.

Source:

Highland Education Foundation





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March 6th 6:00 pm	Administration Center	41 Williams St. Hammond, IN 46320
March 20th 6:00 pm	O'Bannon Elementary	1317 173rd St. Hammond, IN 46324
April 3rd 6:00 pm Administration Center		41 Williams St. Hammond, IN 46320

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

BNI Earns Perfect Scores at ISSMA

Bishop Noll students regularly use their voices to sing during Mass, but two seniors took their gifts of music to the next level and brought home ISSMA gold with an Acapella performance of the Latin Gregorian chant titled "O Magnum Mysterium."

Seniors Julia Fugger and Mireya Melero performed the piece as a choral ensemble Jan. 27 at Munster High School, and both of them received a perfect score.

The piece took the students months to prepare, working on it at school with choir director David Herr and rehearsing on their own as a pair and individually.

"I would practice every other day and even sing it while doing my chores to help with memorization," said Melero, of Griffith. The hard work paid off as the judges gave them a perfect score, surprising them both.

"I remember looking at Julia in just absolute disbelief," Melero said. "We were under the impression before that Mr. Herr would be conducting us, but that was against the rules. Basically, we conducted ourselves. I couldn't stop smiling. I was so proud of us."

Fugger, of Lansing, said she was terrified of making a mistake during the difficult piece.

"I was on the counter melody or alto part and I am usually a soprano so the piece was a totally different experience for me," she said.

Fugger, who was recently named a Bishop Noll Graduate with Distinction, said this was one highlight of her high school career. Others included major roles in "Seussical the Musical" and "Into the Woods." She was also the first and only member of the re-established Speech Team to go to state her sophomore year. In addition, she performed at the state level for the Shakespeare monologue contest representing BNI twice. Music will always be a part of her life, she said, but she does not plan on a music career.

"I plan to be in various choirs and perhaps minor in music."

She encourages fellow students who are interested in vocal or instrumental music to learn about ISSMA and how to participate in the competition.

"It is a great thing to be able to put on your college transcript," she said.

Melero agreed that the perfect ISSMA score was a high school highlight. In addition, she is looking forward to playing the lead role of Maria in this year's spring musical "West Side Story." The show will run April 20-22 and 28-29 in the Bishop Noll Auditorium. Although she doesn't plan on studying music in college, she plans to join a choir and a local theater group.

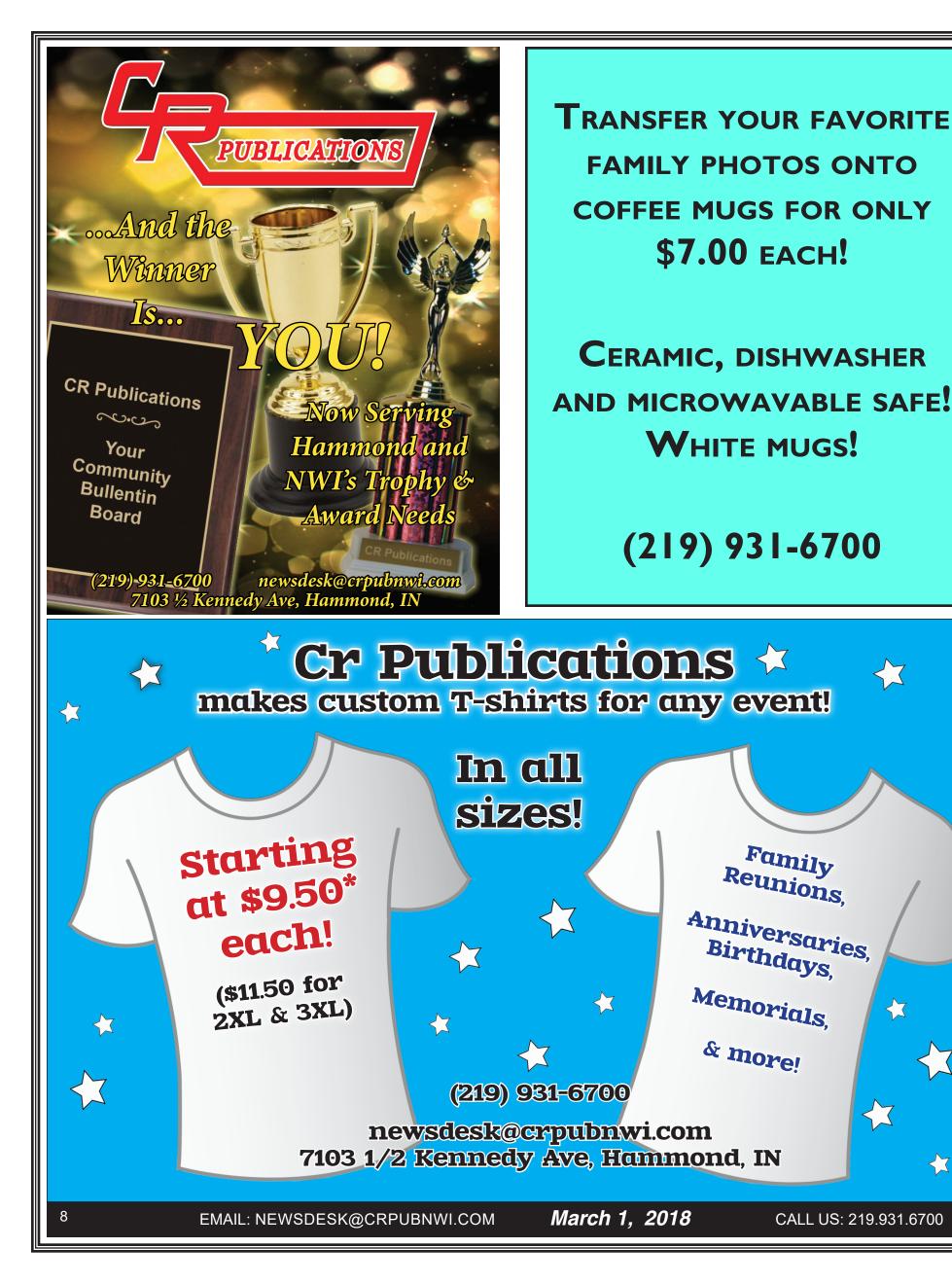
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FACTS BELIEVE IT OR NOT

While the spring equinox typically occurs on March 20 or 21, meteorological spring begins on March 1, a month when average temperatures increase by 10 degrees over the MONTH.

Retired Couple Gives Back at ReStore



Pat and Stan Henard have been committed volunteers at the Griffith ReStore for six and a half years.

Patricia and Stanley Henard, otherwise known as Pat and Stan, have spent six of their seven years of retirement volunteering at the Griffith ReStore.

The couple volunteers every Thursday at ReStore and has been doing so for the past six years. They looked at other volunteering opportunities where the could help the homeless before ReStore but could not find a good fit. Pat and Stan knew they wanted to work with the homeless because it was a issue that affected their family.

"We tried to work at a shelter with an overnight stay but then we had to shoo the people out in the morning. I didn't have the heart for that. We have a family member that has been in and out of homelessness for years so we have an idea of what these people go through," said Stan.

It was not until they saw an article in the newspaper asking for volunteers when they found out about ReStore.

Occasionally Pat helps out by cleaning and pricing newly donated items for the sales floor, however, most of her time is spent doing office work. She makes spreadsheets and also creates donation letters to send out to potential donors.

Photo submitted.

Stan uses volunteering as a way to get out of the house and interact with others. He helps out with light fixtures, electrical jobs, and answers questions customers have on the sales floor.

Pat and Stan's efforts do not go unnoticed by ReStores' District Manager, Kim DeRisi. "It is such a pleasure working with Pat and Stan. Their dedication as volunteers help support Habitat's ongoing home building efforts. They are part of our team and we're so glad to have them," said DeRisi.

The couple sees themselves volunteering at the ReStore for years to come.

To find out more about volunteering or to sign up for an orientation call 219-923-7265 or email volunteer@nwihabitat. org. Visit the ReStores at www. nwirestore.org for any other questions.

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Up & Coming Events

March 17

Prom Genie, Inc. co-hosted by the Hammond Parks and Recreation presents its 5th annual Boutique Day on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the Jean Shepherd Community Center, located at 3031 J.F. Mahoney Drive, Hammond, IN, from 9-2 p.m. Boutique Day is Prom Genie's annual prom dress giveaway. This event is open to all high school students within Hammond and surrounding cities. The Prom Genie staff and a host of volunteers will be present to outfit a young lady with FREE dresses, shoes, and accessories. There will also be FREE manicures, makeovers, and hairstyles along with the opportunity to win other prizes to assist with personalizing their prom experience. All students must bring a current school I.D./proof of enrollment on school letterhead. Everyone will be serviced on a first come, first served basis. Each student may bring one guest. No children please. Please contact Prom Genie at 219-230-6483 or email:promgenienwi@ gmail.com with any questions.

Through March 23rd

Bishop Noll Institute will host Lenten fish fry dinners from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. Diners should enter Door C at the school, 1519 Hoffman St. in Hammond. Dinners

include choice of entrée, salad bar/sides, dessert and beverages. Prices are \$8 for pollock, \$9 for ocean perch, \$11 for shrimp and \$11 for mixed plate (pollock, perch and shrimp). For more information, call (219) 932-9058 or visit bishopnoll.org.

Every 2nd Tuesday

Are you trying to start a business or need funding for vour vision? Announcing the Kingdom Professional Entrepreneurial Fellowship with Networking & Business Strategies to be held every 2nd Tuesday at Christian Family Worship Center, 6532 Arizona Avenue, Hammond, IN at 7pm. There will be Free Grant Writing Training and Business Development coaching from conception to completion. For more information contact (219) 961-4375 or Email: christianfamilycc@yahoo. com.

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday The New Hope Baptist Church Food Pantry will be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday at New Hope Too Fellowship Hall, 6634 Calumet, Hammond, IN, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm or until food runs out. The pantry will operate on a first come first served basis. For further information or if you would like to donate toward this worthy cause, please call the church at 219-932-5955, or Shirley at (219) 680-6109.

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Registration at Olympia Lanes Bowling 4150 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN

Early Bird Jan 2	27 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Feb 9	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Feb 21	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Mar 9	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mar 17	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Divisions of play range from Tee-ball through Babe Ruth; including softball. The ages taken are from 4 years old through 19 years old. Open to ALL of Lake County.

*Hammond Hermits also has a league raffle ticket fundraiser. \$75 in tickets for 1 child and \$100 for 2 or more children. Due date for money and stubs is June 9th.

For more information contact David Lee - (219) 588-8506 or Dennis Hensley - (219) 290-0708 Follow us on Facebook @ HammondHermitsAthleticAssociation

Hammond's Sports Hall of Fame

Retired Hammond High coach and athletic administrator Tom Zasada will be honored at the 32nd annual Hammond Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner, beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at the Hammond Civic Center.

In addition to the seven individuals comprising this year's induction class, Zasada will receive the Hall of Fame's Special Recognition Award for outstanding service, dedication and contributions to Hammond sports.

Class of 2018 inductees are: marathon runner, local road race pioneer, longtime exercise/wellness advocate and 1965 Bishop Noll alumnus John Bobalik; 1930s 3-sport Clark athlete and St. Louis Cardinals minor league baseball player Wilbur P. Buerckholtz; 1970s/80s Hammond High football quarterback and multi-sport athlete David Tyrone Higgs; 1990s Hammond High wrestler Elias (Lee) Marks; Minnesota Twins farmhand and 1990s multi-sport Bishop Noll performer Marcus Smith; award-winning high school football official/baseball umpire and 1960s multi-sport Hammond High athlete Rick Stanford; and high-scoring 1960s Morton basketball player Frank Tokoly.

Special Recognition awardee Zasada coached football and basketball for 20 years. He went on to oversee the athletic programs of all Hammond middle and high schools as School City athletic director. He also was a longtime steering committee member and induction program master of ceremonies for the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame.

Tickets be can purchased in advance for \$25 each or a table of eight seats for \$200 at the Civic Center Office of Parks & Recreation. The following establishments also are selling single admission tickets: Rich's Barber Shop (Hammond), Cheers (Munster), House of Pizza (Hammond), Purdue University Northwest Hammond Campus Fitness Cavalier Center, Inn (Hammond), The Office (Whiting), Calumet College of St. Joseph athletics office and the athletic offices of all Hammond high schools. Any remaining tickets the night of the induction dinner will go on sale at the door for \$35 each.

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MHALC Partners for Read to Soar Program

Mental Health America of Lake County (MHALC) is partnering with the School City of East Chicago and its Carrie Gosch Early Learning Center to engage in the Ready to Soar program.

Ready to Soar is an early school readiness program for incoming kindergarten children, parents, and schools. This program provides early childhood readiness workshops, screenings and consultations.

The inspiration behind this project began in 2014 when MHALC vice president of operations Kim Smith, in her former role as executive director at Early Learning Partnership of Northwest Indiana. In January 2018, Early Learning Partnership united with Mental Health America of Lake County, and now operates as a division under the MHALC umbrella. Smith stated that she noticed there were a substantial number of various children program wait lists supporting early learning education.

"I came across a college readiness article one day that spoke about how important it is to start with early childhood education, as 90% of brain development impacting learning happens by the time a child turns 5 years old. I found it quite alarming that there weren't enough programs available to impact young children," said Smith.

In 2014 the Legacy Foundation of Lake County awarded Kim Smith and Early Learning Partnership a College Readiness Grant allowing them to move forward with creating and ensuring quality early education services to benefit vulnerable children at no charge to the family at no charge.

Through learning assessments, personal consultations and home visits, academic workshops focused on the children, and parent education and engagement working in conjunction with school systems, children are getting the additional support needed.

In addition to East Chicago, the Ready to Soar is currently available with local school districts in Hammond, Whiting, and Griffith.

"A focus on prevention to ensure lifelongmental health and positive brain development gets me excited. The sooner we can impact learning the better the chance to impact that child for life," stated Smith.

Over the last five years of the program, more than 1,160 children have been screened for school readiness. Of those, an average 48 percent of screenings indicated a potential concern. Among those children who participated in follow-up services, 94 percent showed some progress, with as high as 75 percent showing recovery to a normal score range in post screening at kindergarten entry.

"Many children and parents just need the right tools and knowledge to help a struggling child succeed in school," said Smith. "And with Ready to Soar they do."

To learn more about Ready to Soar call Michelle at (219)228-2572 or visit mhalakecounty.org.

Source:

Mental Health America of Lake County

Annual NICK St. Baldrick's Event

The Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation will host the 7th annual St. Baldrick's Event at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 on Sunday, March 11 from noon to 4 p.m.

The NICK Foundation's goal is to raise \$50,000 this year. The St. Baldrick's Foundation uses the proceeds to provide funds for pediatric cancer research grants.

"The event is an opportunity to raise public awareness about the gap in funding for childhood cancer research," said Burns Harbor Town Councilman Kevin Tracy. "There are a lot of people making donations of what they can afford and it's resulting in cures for childhood cancers that were once untreatable."

Tracy's team will be one of the many teams participating in the contest. The team that raises the most money will win four level one Blackhawks tickets.

"We've got a long way to go, but I'll keep getting my head shaved for as long as it takes to eradicate childhood cancer," said Tracy.

Volunteers and local businesses are donating their time and services toward the cause. Tricoci Beauty School will be doing princess up-do's and Texture Pointe Salon stylists will be volunteering for their seventh consecutive year. Rosati's Chicago Pizza and Corky's Dog House are providing the food for the event.

A magic show, face painting booths, games, an auction, and balloon art will all be available throughout the day.

Costumers with a Cause will have volunteers dressed up as Captain America, Maui, and other Disney characters.

"Last year I was Elmo, and this year I get to be Queen Elsa from Frozen," said Amanda Knight, a NICK Foundation volunteer. "I volunteer because I love meeting families, making kids smile, and sharing my own battle with cancer, but the biggest reason is because the NICK Foundation has given something to me and I want to give something to them in return."

Visit /www. stbaldricks.org/events/ NICK7thannualevent to volunteer, donate or join a team. The NICK Foundation is non-profit pediatric cancer organization founded in 2009.

Source:

The Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation

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Purdue's Engineering Distinguished Speakers

From icy weather to wind-induced vibrations, structural cables need to function in all kinds of conditions. They also have to be able to handle the fatigue that comes from doing their job—because our lives may depend upon how they hold up literally and figuratively.

According to Christos Georgakis, the second speaker in the Purdue University Northwest's School of Engineering Distinguished Speaker Series, structural cables can often be found in places with high pedestrian or vehicular traffic—and since they are exposed to the elements, engineers face complex issues, including risk mitigation, when deploying them.

His presentation about "the surprisingly complex structural cable" and the impact of aerodynamics and icing on structural fatigue will take place at 10 a.m., Friday, March 2 on the Purdue University Northwest Hammond Campus at the Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation (CIVS) Center (6937 Woodmar Ave., Powers Building, Rm. 115). The event is free and open to the public.

Georgakis is currently Professor of Structural Dynamics and Monitoring at Aarhus University in Denmark, having previously held the same position at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). He is also co-director and partner of the specialist engineering consultancy Brincker and Georgakis ApS. The 2009 recipient of the Reinholdt W. Jorck Award, he is the author of many journal articles and co-author of the book "Cable Supported Bridges, Concept and Design." His current research work focuses on structural dynamics, aerodynamics and vibration control.

Distinguished The Speaker Series of Purdue University Northwest's School of Engineering will continue on March 30 with Dr. Wenliang Du, who will discuss issues related to Android security, followed by Dr. Pravin Varaiya (April 20), talking about self-driving cars and the need for "intelligent infrastructure." For more information on the speakers and their presentations, go to www.pnw.edu/distinguishedspeaker-series.

The School of Engineering at Purdue University Northwest is recognized for its expertise in mechanical, civil, computer, and electrical engineering. In 2018, U.S. News ranked the school No. 26 among the Best Engineering Programs in the U.S., of engineering schools whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's degree.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

MHA's CEO Just Like You

President & CEO of Mental Health America of Lake County Renae J. Vania-Tomczak tackles the every day workforce by sticking to her roots and imploring her communication skills gained through her education.

For most of her life and towards the end of her elementary education, Tomczak planned to study law. As a self-proclaimed lifelong learner she never wanted to pass up an opportunity to learn something new.

While working ata local Dunkin Donuts, Tomczak realized that she wanted to receive an education and pursue a career involving communication.

"Twenty years ago coffee service was provided differently, said Tomczak. There use to be a counter that people would walk up to and sit down to order. It was during that time that I realized I had some unfinished business and going to law school was not the option for me, yet something involving communications was."

Tomczak tackled her dream of completing her education in 1994, when she received a Bachelors of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations through Purdue Calumet University.

"I thought at 34- yearsold with my business and life experience along with my communication education, the transition into my career would be a smooth transition, said Tomczak. "You think you know it all but you really do not, because it is really all about gaining the hands on experience."

Soon after graduation Tomczak began working for Carle Communications of Hammond, Ind. This small non-profit communication firm offered the hands on experience she had hoped to gain.

"It was there that I fell in love with non-profit organizations. I knew that this was where I wanted to be."

Tomczak reached her calling, as she became the CEO of Mental Health America of Lake County in 2013. Taking on this role included strategically implementing communication processes by taking the lead role in writing grants, addressing concerns and creating and implementing programs for families.

"Having the opportunity to work along side individuals involving good communication is something that I always needed to do and able to do because of the 80 exceptional women and men that I work alongside with everyday," stated Tomczak.

The Mental Health Institute can be contacted at 219-937-7733 with any questions or concerns regarding the programs and services that are provided.

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Hammond Neighborhood Community Meetings

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March 2 Friday	9:15 AM	Irving Crime Watch Irving School 4727 Pine		
March 6 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Harrison Park Crime Watch VFW 5820 Hohman Ave		
March 7 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Edison Community Watch Edison School 7025 Madison		
March 8 Thursday	6:30 PM	Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch Calumet College-Room 200 2400 New York Avenue		
March 12 Monday	5:30 PM	Columbia Crime Watch Columbia Elementary I 238 Michigan St		
March 15 Thursday	7:00 PM	Hessville Neighborhood Crime Watch Jean Shephard Center, 1031 Mahoney Dr.		
March 15 Thursday	7:00 PM	South Hammond-Jefferson Crime Watch Hammond Housing Authority 1402 173rd Street		
March 20 Tuesday	6:30 PM	East Hammond/Pullman Crime Watch Ophelia Steen Center 5927 Columbia		
March 21 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Lafayette Neighborhood Watch Lafayette School 856 Sibley		
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Mother Donates Her Hair for St. Baldrick's

Kate Perschon is donating 10 inches of her hair in celebration of what marks 10 years of her son's remission from cancer. Such celebration is especially significant for the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation because Drew's journey was their ignition.

While expecting her second son, Perschon received the devastating news that her 22-month-old son Drew had stage four neuroblastoma in November 2007. Neuroblastoma is a cancer of the sympathetic nervous system most commonly found among infants and toddlers.

"It's devastating in the beginning and then you roll up your sleeves and fight the fight," said Donna Criner, Drew's grandmother. "It is very stressful on everyone involved but you get through it as a team,"

Perschon's community came together in support of their family. After Drew's triple stem-cell transplant, the entire community had a big fundraiser to help offset the costs.

Due to successful treatments at Lurie's Children's Hospital, formerly known as Children's Memorial Hospital, Drew's cancer went into remission in 2008 and he was out of treatment by May 2009.

Today, Drew is 12-yearsold and their whole family is celebrating through their participation in the NICK Foundation's 7th Annual St. Baldrick's event on Sunday, March 11.

Perschon's team, "Drew Crew," has decided to donate their hair to Children with Hair Loss because it specifically donates a free wig to children each year. This year, Drew's younger brother Ben, Father, and a few friends are joining the team. Sparked by Drew's remission, Perschon and Criner were inspired to establish the NICK Foundation. In the spring, they will celebrate nine years as a foundation.

"When Drew was diagnosed, we found no support systems in northwest Indiana for families of children with cancer," Criner said. "Against some pretty devastating odds, our story was one of triumph and hope. We wanted to give back to a community that supported our family."

Perschon and Criner started getting involved in fundraisers that would increase awareness and funding for pediatric cancer research in May 2009. They realized that if they established their own non-profit foundation then they could locally target the families and hospitals who needed their help the most.

"It started out as a little family project. After Drew's successful treatment, we knew we needed to give back," said Perschon.

Perschon and Criner want to meet families right where they are at by providing for their unique set of needs. Their ultimate goal through the NICK Foundation is to find a cure for pediatric cancer.

Through NICK events like St. Baldrick's, funds are raised to find a cure for pediatric cancer and give children who suffered from hair loss wigs of their choosing. To join or donate to the "Drew Crew" visit https:// www.stbaldricks.org/teams/ drewcrew2018.

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