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Pictured above are the 2019 Hammond Sports Hall of Fame Inductees, from left to right: (back) Daniel Hernandez; Larry Hines, Jr.; Randall J. Lewis; Albert Carpen; (front) Rudy Skorupa; James R. Murphy; & Steve Runyon. They were honored at the 33rd Annual Induction Dinner held on March 12, 2019. Inductees are chosen from alumni of Hammond athletes and coaches, who have shown exemplary citizenship. Also honored with the Richard Jay Special Achievement Award was the Times of Northwest Indiana. The 28th Annual Anderson-Peterson Family Distinguished Student-Athlete Graduate Award was presented to Hannah Hammar, Morton High School; Megan Sullivan, Bishop Noll Institute; & Jamari Washington, Gavit High School.

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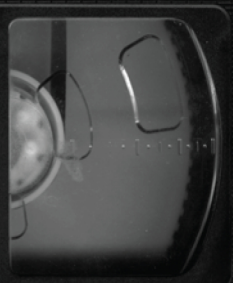
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www.hammondcrc.org

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6:30 pm

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www.ncbc-hammond.com

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Indiana Sheriffs Association Scholarship

Lake County Sheriff Oscar Martinez Jr announced on March 1, 2019, that the Indiana Sheriffs Association will again be awarding college scholarships to qualified high school students or college students who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice studies. There will be approximately 40- \$750.00 scholarships awarded to qualifying students throughout the state.

The Indiana Sheriffs Association Scholarship Fund was established for the purpose of receiving, investing and dispensing of funds to provide college scholarships

to qualified students who are committed to pursuing an education and career in the law enforcement field.

To qualify for one of these scholarships, the applicant must be an Indiana resident, be a current member of the association or a dependent child or grandchild of a current member of the association, attend an Indiana college or university, major in law enforcement field and enroll as a full-time student (12) hours.

Source:

The Lake
County Sheriff

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Hammond Public Library Author Fair

The Hammond Public Library will wrap up National Library Week on Sat., April 13 with its sixth annual Local Author Fair. From noon to 3 p.m., the following authors will sign their books, which will be available for purchase:

Don McClure, Laura Eckroat, D. A. Rhodes, Gina Gadson, Elvis Slaughter, Sharon Burke, Sanzaki Kojika, Aretha Williams, Marq Redmond, Chad Hunter, Vonceal Orr, M. G. Seymour, Andre Renee, Reginald Shelton, Dr. Stephanie Livingston, & Dorothea Burrell.

Also, Rusty the RailCat visits from 12-1 p.m. to pose for pictures. Those visiting the Author Fair will receive an author passport, and must visit a certain number of

author tables to be eligible for RailCats tickets and other prizes.

Only a few author tables remain. Local authors interested in participating may call the Hammond Public Library at (219) 931-5100 and speak to Linda Swisher at ext. 310 or Debra Powers at ext. 320.

Table fees benefit the Hammond Public Library Foundation, which funds supplies and furnishings for the library such as our large screen displays in our lobby, in Youth Services, and at the Information Services desk; and our Teen Scene furnishings.

Source:

The Hammond
Public Library

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Dunes Learning Center Summer Camp

Dunes Learning Center is inviting members of the public to attend their summer camp open house on Saturday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 700 Howe Road in Chesterton.

The open house will serve as a way for those interested in summer camp to meet the staff and ask questions about the programs. Development and Marketing Director, Heather Hahn Sullivan, encourages students and parents to attend.

"The open house is just as much for the parents as it is for the students," Hahn Sullivan said. "Kids get a taste of the activities we offer in the summer, but it is also just a great opportunity for families to get outside and have fun."

Among the information provided, funding options will be made available for students and their parents. Grant Specialist, Michelle Krueger, discussed the importance of the funding.

"Our scholarships are an important factor in our summer camps for many families,

and we are grateful for major support of this initiative from BP America, Cargill, Foundations of East Chicago, Friends of Indiana Dunes, and Legacy Foundation," Krueger said. "Interested students with financial need must be nominated by their teachers for this opportunity."

Scheduled events include face painting, springtime hikes, live music, and a visit from Nat the Nature Nut, the camp's mascot.

"After a long, cold winter, this is a chance to get outside and enjoy free family fun," Hahn Sullivan said.

Dunes Learning Center is located within Indiana Dunes National Park. They offer environmental education programs to inspire lasting curiosity and stewardship with nature. To learn more about their programs, visit DunesLearningCenter.org or call 219-395-9555.

Source:

Dunes Learning Center

Director Announced at Data Center

The Digital Crossroads at Lake Michigan data center currently under construction in Hammond is pleased to announce the appointment of David Hood as the managing director of operations.

Hood brings over 24 years of experience in telecommunications and data center management to the project. In his most recent role, he was a director of operations with Netrality Properties, Inc. where he oversaw the development of a data center space in Chicago. Prior to that, he was a network operations center manager with New Continuum Holdings Corp. where he helped implement bandwidth and network upgrades within a purpose-built data center space.

Hood has over a decade of experience with telecommunications infrastructure, which will be a vital aspect of the new Hammond facility's future development. In his former role as president and CEO of Backplane Integrated Networks Corp., Hood engineered over 200 miles of rural broadband in Indiana under a TARP grant. He was also often involved in multiple design and engineering projects intended to support future capacity needs.

Peter Feldman, CEO of Digital Crossroads, said, "David's

skills are second to none when it comes to managing the technical and operations sides of facilities. We're excited to have him with us."

"Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott and Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb have each made a major commitment to creating technology jobs in Indiana," stated Tom Dakich of Digital Crossroads. "Dave has moved to the region in part because of the state's strong economy and the chance to be a part of Indiana's emerging place in the national tech community."

The first phase of the Digital Crossroads project, already under construction, is a \$40 million, 105,000-square-foot facility that will include a data center and shared-space tech incubator. Ultimately, the project has the potential to grow into a \$200 million complex with multiple buildings for state-of-the-art data computing and storage.

To learn more about the Digital Crossroads data center please visit: <http://www.digitalcrossroadsdc.com/>

Source:

The Digital Crossroads at Lake Michigan



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Reader's Theaters Brings Arts to Whiting

Thanks to a unique funding opportunity by the Whiting Elks Club, the Towle Theater's 'Reader's Theatre' is giving excellent first experiences with public speaking to second grade classrooms throughout Nathan Hale Elementary School in Whiting.

The Towle Theater's goal for the program is to promote literacy through the arts. It takes place in classrooms over a seven-week period and ends with a spoken-word theatre performance by students to their parents and teachers. The Towle was thrilled by the opportunity to extend its presence into local classrooms.

"The most rewarding thing about it is how the students' self-perceptions change over time," said Ro Ogrentz, the program's organizer and teacher. "At first, they usually don't think public speaking is something they're capable of, but by the end of it, they've completely forgotten about that."

"At the end of one performance, a student's mother approached me and said, 'My daughter has a learning disability, I would have never thought I'd see her on stage speaking like that

at her age.' Hearing that has been the most gratifying part of it all for me."

Since this is the program's first year, Ro had the freedom to create its curriculum. Using Indiana State second grade reading and arts curriculum as a guideline, Ro has been using a variety of source material for her students to read and learn from. These guidelines include important educational developments like reading comprehension and reading development.

"Getting to do this with second graders is perfect, since that age marks a pivotal point in reading ability for young children. Getting them to come together in something like this can encourage and benefit them all," she stated about the opportunity. "In previous classes, we went over Aesop's Fables and other short stories. For my current class, we started with turn-based 'popcorn' storytelling to help the students develop their storytelling skills. I used the story they came up with to create the script they'll be reciting."

Source:

The Towle Theater

Tea Providing Opportunities

We all have had tea parties in our rooms as children, but have you even been to a real tea party? Now is your chance!

Planting Possibilities, a non-profit providing opportunities for adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities, and Denyse Buck, formerly of Serenitea Tea Room, team up to host their second annual Friendship Garden Tea.

The tea party will be held May 5, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Clipper Room at the Hammond Marina in Hammond, Ind.

Tea, scones, sweets, savories, raffles and door prizes can all be enjoyed along with the beautiful lakefront views of Lake Michigan. Attendees will also be treated to a presentation by guest speaker Dr. Louise Chickie-Wolfe.

Author, educator, and youth advocate, Dr. Chickie-Wolfe will share her experiences with the Munster Junior Historical Society as well as working with Munster's only existing and working farm.

"We had an incredible response last year and received great feedback from attendees. It can only be better this year," said Planting Possibilities representative Ruth

Yothment. "We look forward to another successful and fun afternoon."

Guests are encouraged to bring their own tea cups, but some will be provided as needed.

Event sponsors are needed and donations of goods or services from local businesses are most welcome.

Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at friendshipgardentea.eventbrite.com or plantingpossibilities.org/tea. Ticket sales begin March 15. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.

All proceeds benefit Planting Possibilities. For more information regarding this event or for sponsorship/donation information, please visit plantingpossibilities.org or call 219-237-9353.

Planting Possibilities, Inc. is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to provide employment, job skills training, and volunteer opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Lake County, IN. For more information, please visit www.plantingpossibilities.org.

Source:

Planting Possibilities

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NIPSCO Renews Support for Girls on the Run

Electric and gas aren't the only power sources NIPSCO offers Northwest Indiana. In their second year as program sponsor to the local Girls on the Run council, NIPSCO also brings girl power.

"Girls on the Run is a first class program and NIPSCO is proud to be a partner with GOTR of Northwest Indiana," said Rick Calinski, NIPSCO Public Affairs Manager. "I am really impressed with the professionalism of the organization and volunteers who support it. This organization is making a positive impact on lives of our female youth in Northwest Indiana, and NIPSCO is honored to support their mission."

A recent independent study led by Dr. Maureen Weiss, an expert in Positive Youth Development, found that Girls on the Run's intentional life skills curriculum and highly trained coaches positively impact girls' lives by helping them increase their self-

confidence, develop healthy relationships and feel good about themselves.

Sixty percent of Girls on the Run participants rely on financial assistance in order to participate. NIPSCO's financial support helps cover program-related costs such as: curriculum, healthy snacks, running shoes as well as the celebratory end-of-season 5K.

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana will serve 2,500 girls in their ten-week program during the spring and fall seasons of 2019.

"It is an amazing program that has meant a great deal to my girls! I was amazed at how much one program could help young girls so much. I am honored to make a difference in others lives through this program," Jamie, GOTR of Northwest Indiana Coach.

Source:

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana

Schererville Democrat of the Year



Pictured above are Tom Schmitt, Schererville Councilman for Ward 4, Town Council President; and Clerk-Treasurer Janice M. Malinowski. Malinowski was awarded the Democrat of the Year award at the Schererville Democratic Party meeting on March 1st, for her leadership, dedication, and service to the Town of Schererville.

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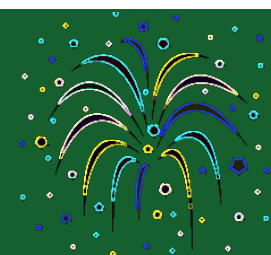
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**The Patrician Banquets**



Registration/Ticket Purchase, Call: 219.750.1206 More Info: [nwira.org](http://nwira.org)



# Up & Coming Events

## March 17

New Zion Temple is hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 17, 2019, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at 936 Morris Street, Hammond, IN 46320 (Classroom # 6). To schedule an appointment, call Dinene Jenkins at (708) 359-6334 or please visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org), or call 800-7TO-GIVE. All other inquiries can be directed to Dinene Jenkins at (708) 359-6334.

## March 21

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. and the City of Hammond Office of Economic Development would like to invite you to attend the 16th Annual Job Fair on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 11am to 3pm at the Hammond Civic Center, 5825 Sohl Avenue in Hammond, IN. This event is instrumental in addressing the employment needs of the residents of the City of Hammond and the Region, as well as assisting the local companies in their recruitment process. We have carefully selected outstanding companies representing government, finance, gaming, healthcare, sales, manufacturing, and apprenticeship trades. It's a free event and the biggest job fair yet! No need to pre-register, just be sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress to impress! For questions, contact Juan J. Moreno at 219-853-7312.

## March 23

Prom Genie, Inc. presents its 6th annual Boutique Day on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 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, make-overs, 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

served 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](mailto:promgenienwi@gmail.com) with any questions.

## March 27

The Hammond Sportsplex is hosting a Youth Volleyball Camp on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm for children ages 5-15. Registrations will be taken at the Hammond Sportsplex, 6630 Indianapolis Boulevard, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm in the main office until March 25. Space is limited. The fee is \$25 per child. Each age group will participate in beginner level volleyball drills for the 2 hour camp. This camp is designed for kids to have fun while learning basic volleyball skills. Age Divisions: Ages 13-15: 9:00 am to 11:00 am; Ages 9-12: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; Ages 5-8: 2:00 p m to 4:00 pm. Visit the Sportsplex website at [www.hammondsportsplex.com](http://www.hammondsportsplex.com), email [robertsk@gohammond.com](mailto:robertsk@gohammond.com) or call Kymberli Roberts at (219) 853-7666 with any questions.

## April 12-14

Bishop Noll Institute's Drama Department will present the musical "Zombie Prom" April 12 to 14 in the BNI auditorium, 1519 Hoffman St. Enter Door C. Show times are 7:30 p.m. April 12 and 13 and 2:30 p.m. April 14. Tickets will be sold before performances and cost \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults. For more information, visit [bishopnoll.org](http://bishopnoll.org) or email [kjones@bishopnoll.org](mailto:kjones@bishopnoll.org).

## 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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# Veterans Cook Meals for Underprivileged

Residents of Veterans Life Changing Services in Gary will cook a meal for the community's underprivileged citizens on March 30 from 12-1 p.m. at the Gladys' Table event hosted by the First Presbyterian Church located at 8727 Delaware St. in Highland.

The event was founded by the late Gladys Radke, a founding member of the church, supplies veterans with the opportunity to achieve their goal: to give back to the community.

"Everyone has faced adversaries," said Cecil Jones, resident at VLCS. "Veterans, whether they served in war or not, are no strangers to this. This event motivates us to deal with our struggles and help others with theirs."

The general public is encouraged to join the event. The veterans are expected to serve between 50 to 100 people and deliver meals to individuals who are unable to attend.

"Many members of my family were veterans and I feel Jesus calls us to help people of

all religions, nationalities and those in need," said Arletta Schaefer, deacon of the church and volunteer at VLCS. "Watching these veterans give back to the community is inspirational."

Gladys' Table will be held in the church's banquet room. The menu will consist of a turkey noodle casserole, tomatoes and green beans, salad, bread, cake and beverages.

For more information about this event or to offer a donation to Veterans Life Changing Services, please contact Arletta Schaefer at 219-455-6689 or visit the website at <https://veteranslcs.org>.

Veterans Life Changing Services is a non-profit organization designed to provide clinical support services and temporary housing to Northwest Indiana and Illinois veterans and their families.

*Source:*

Veterans Life  
Changing Services

# Hammond Investigates Environmental Situation

Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. announced that on February 22, 2019 he initiated a conference call with representatives of Governor Holcomb's office, the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and members of the Commissioner's staff to discuss the status and steps being taken to address two important issues facing the City of Hammond and its residents.

The first issue discussed was the recent deaths of mute swans in the North Basin of George Lake. IDEM's Commissioner informed the Mayor that the cause of death on the swan that was recovered from the North Basin and autopsied was due to parasites that has not only impacted body organs but had reached the brain of the swan. IDEM's commissioner indicated this is very unusual for a parasite to affect the brain of a swan. There was speculation that the mute swan, which is not native to North America may be more susceptible to parasites thus resulting in an unusual amount of swan perishing lately.

The second topic discussed was the elevated lead and cadmium levels found in the air samples being taken by IDEM and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at the Hammond Sanitary District Pumping station located adjacent to Lakeview Street and Indianapolis Boulevard. The request for the air sampling was made by the City of Hammond to IDEM to determine if Whiting Metals lead emissions were adversely impacting resident's health. IDEM responded with two Hi-Volume air samplers that obtained 24-hour air samples every 3 days. Those air samples revealed elevated lead readings and resulted in IDEM and USEPA issuing Notices of Violation to Whiting Metals on November 8, 2018.

The Hi- Volume air sampling also noted elevated levels of cadmium. Although lead is regulated by a federal air quality standard there is no such air quality standard for cadmium. The elevated lead and cadmium readings raised immediate concern. The City of Hammond was made aware of a continuous sampler for lead and cadmium which is called XACT. This sampler provided one-hour readings and is attached to a meteorological station. When the monitor was offered to the City of Hammond it jumped at the offer and placed this monitoring trailer next to the IDEM Hi-Volume monitor.

IDEM's Commissioner stated it has a strong belief the source of the elevated lead and cadmium readings are due to Whiting Metals and that recent sampling data that needs to be quality assured will further buttress their case against Whiting Metals. IDEM's enforcement case is moving forward and accurate and defensible data is the foundation of success. IDEM's Commissioner also stated he is working directly with USEPA on this important health and environmental matter to the residents of Robertsdale and Whiting.

IDEM's Commissioner also established a point of contact with his agency so that the information exchange between his agency and Hammond would be a smooth one.

"I want the public to know that IDEM, the USEPA and the City of Hammond are aware of the environmental situation in proximity to Whiting Metals," stated Mayor McDermott. "We want to assure the residents that we are working together to monitor these possible violations of federal air standards."

*Source:*

The City of Hammond

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# Showcasing Humanity in Indiana

Lakeshore PBS has wrapped production of a series of videos for Humane Indiana showcasing some of the little known services of Humane Indiana as well as the Humane Indiana Owl Public Art project.

President and CEO of Humane Indiana, Harry Vande Velde remarked "Humane Indiana knows that we have multiple forms of communication to celebrate our good works. We rely on Lakeshore PBS to be a collaborative partner in the sharing of our story visually."

The project was produced by Lakeshore PBS Production Manager Tony Santucci. "Working with Humane Indiana was an exciting prospect. I knew I'd get a chance to be up-close with owls and hawks and who-knows-what, an opportunity most people don't have," Santucci said. "The more I worked with the organization, the more it became apparent that the staff felt the same way. They were as excited to share what they do as I was to listen. It's easy to tell stories when the people involved are passionate about what they do."

The three videos share stories and examples of Humane Indiana's work to protect pets, preserve wildlife, and support a nurturing connection between animals and people. A one minute video also looks at the upcoming Humane Indiana Owl Public Art project, which promotes the organization's work through owl sculptures which are placed around several northwest Indiana communities.

Humane Indiana will feature the videos on its website - [HumaneIndiana.org](http://HumaneIndiana.org), - and its social media page - Facebook. [com/HumaneIndiana](https://www.facebook.com/HumaneIndiana). The organization will also present the videos through local NW Indiana chambers and Humane Indiana's 16th Annual Gala, taking place on March 23, 2019.

Vande Velde was pleased with the final product. "They (Lakeshore PBS) are the ultimate in professionalism and quality of product," Vande Velde said. "The region is blessed to have these two great organizations delivering critical missions for all the citizens in Northwest Indiana."

Primarily known for local productions like Prep Football Report, Eye on the Arts and many other half-hour programs over its 30 plus year history, Lakeshore PBS produces a large number of shorter videos for local businesses and non-profits.

Wende Burbridge, VP of Development for Lakeshore PBS, welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with community partners. "We are happy to work with Humane Indiana and other Northwest Indiana businesses and non-profits in telling their stories," Burbridge said. "Lakeshore PBS is proud of our ability to effectively engage with stakeholders in educating and informing Northwest Indiana."

The public television station continues to work to repair its broadcast transmitter which was damaged in a July electrical storm. The organization has invested over \$300,000 in installing a new transmitter, but the lack of an available tower climbing crew to repair the damage on its 950' Cedar Lake tower has limited the station to Comcast customers only.

The majority of certified tower climbers are booked due to the FCC's broadcast spectrum repack. While Lakeshore PBS was initially unaffected by the repack, their emergency repair is delayed by the national repack which requires hundreds of stations across the country to modify their existing transmission systems to transmit on a different frequency.

Source:

Lakeshore PBS

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THE VERY EDGES  
OF YOUR SOUL  
BY A FLOWER  
IN SPRING  
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NEVER BEEN IN  
BLOOM."*

*AUDRA FOVEO*



# Local Volunteers Fight Against Cancer

Kids danced and laughed with Flynn Rider, Rapunzel, Queen Elsa and other various fictional characters as the DJ played the chicken dance song at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 in Merrillville on March 10.

On the other side of the building, kids were getting their face painted, getting balloon animals and over 50 people were shaving their heads to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer.

The dancing, the face painting, the balloon animals and the head shaving was part of the 8th annual St. Baldrick's Event hosted every year by the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation.

Matt Rzepka, volunteer with Costumers with a Cause and dressed as the notorious Flynn Rider, said this was his fifth-year volunteering for St. Baldrick's.

"I love doing it," Rezepka said. "It is just the simple reason of bringing a smile to kids' faces. Being able to just give a little happiness to a kid who has been through so much in their life is great to see. It means a lot to the kids to see their favorite characters and it means a lot to me."

Rebekah Mongold, Rzepka's partner in crime as Rapunzel, said St. Baldrick's was her second event she volunteered for and she loved interacting with the kids.

Barb Quinlan, mother of a cancer survivor and volunteer, handed out flyers and encouraged people to sign up with Be The Match, a national marrow donor program.

Her son, 19-year-old Jack Quinlan, was diagnosed with leukemia two years ago. Jack underwent CAR-T Cell Therapy. Jack went into remission from the therapy, but there were not enough resources for the Quinlan family to undergo the therapy again. Jack and his family turned to bone marrow transplants.

"The bone marrow decreased the chances of Jack getting cancer again," Barb said. "This is why it is important for people to Be The Match. You can save a child's life just by signing up."

Jack said that as someone who has survived cancer, the St. Baldrick's event means a lot to him.

Barb said as soon as Jack was diagnosed NICK reached out to the family immediately.

"It was as though they were psychic or had some magical powers and could sense we were suffering. There were no personal connections with NICK. They just found us and took us in," Barb joked, but was thankful that NICK reached out when they did.

NICK sent them gift cards for gas, food and money to pay for Jack's laptop for when he started his freshman year at Purdue University Northwest.

"When you are watching your kid suffering, you forget to do things such as making dinner or cleaning around the house," Barb admitted. "Don't offer help, just do it. If you think someone needs a hot meal, just do it."

Mongold and Rzepka will continue to volunteer and encourages others to volunteer.

Barb and Jack will never stop raising funds for pediatric cancer and helping others who are suffering.

NICK is still collecting donations for St. Baldrick's. All funds go to pediatric cancer research. To donate, visit [www.stbaldricks.org/events/nick8thannualevent](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/nick8thannualevent).

The NICK Foundation is a non-profit pediatric cancer organization founded in 2009, dedicated to helping families in Northwest Indiana affected by childhood cancer.

Source:  
The NICK Foundation

# The Cancer Resource Centre

The Cancer Resource Centre offers free education programs, mind/body/spirit classes and support groups for those with a cancer diagnosis and their caregivers. The Centre is located at 926 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana. Please call to register for all programs. For more information about joining a support group, please call 219-836-3349 or visit [www.cancerresourcecentre.com](http://www.cancerresourcecentre.com).

Yoga, Mon, March 18, 9:30-10:30 and Wed, March 20, 5:30-6:30pm. Breathe and stretch your body and mind. Yoga classes are therapeutic as well as restorative. Each class will conclude with a relaxation segment to enhance overall well-being and peace. A prescription from your physician is required prior to attending

Music Wellness, Mon, March 18, 3-4pm. A therapeutic music program that can lead to decreased stress, pain, anxiety level and enhance relaxation

Drumming, Mon, March 18, 4-5pm. Empowerment drumming is enjoyable, physically, mentally and emotionally rewarding. It reduces stress, increase energy and over-all well-being. It is accessible to everyone and no previous music experience required. A prescription from your physician is required prior to attending

Walking Club, Mon, March 18, 4-5pm. A fun, free and easy way to build physical activity into your lifestyle. Enjoy the benefits of social support, stress relief and renewed energy. Will accommodate all levels of walkers. A prescription from your physician is required prior to attending -At Lincoln Center in Highland

Wellness Support Group, Tues, March 19, 10-11:30am or 6-7:30pm. Provides an opportunity to share feelings, receive support and learn ways to cope with the experience of having cancer.

Blood Cancer Support, Tues, March 19, 6-7:00pm. This group is designed for those

with a diagnosis of leukemia, Hodgkin lymphoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma or multiple myeloma and their adult caregivers. Offered in conjunction with Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Ostomy, Wed, March 19, 10-12pm. Relaxation Techniques for the Ostomate

Chair Massage, Wed, March 20, 10-11:30am. Massage will physically relax the body, reduce mental stress, anxiety and may promote better sleep. Administered by Certified Massage Therapists.

Healing Touch, Wed, March 20, 1-2:30pm. Healing Touch uses hands-on and energy-based techniques to balance and align the human.

Chi Gong, Thurs, March 21, 9:30-10:30am. Learn this ancient healing art of breath, movement, non-movement and meditation. You will be led through a one hour session of warm-ups, positions and focused movements. A prescription from your physician is required prior to attending.

Chair Yoga, Thurs, March 21, 2-3pm. Designed for those who have difficulty with the regular yoga environment. You may sit or use a chair for balance. Kriya is a holistic, therapeutic, whole body experience; it works to calm the nervous system; strengthens and quiets the mind and body. A prescription from your physician is required prior to attending.

Tai Chi, Fri, March 22, 9:30-10:30am. The art of Tai Chi is considered "meditation in motion". Classes emphasize balance, posture, breathing techniques, concentration and complete relaxation. A prescription from your physician is required prior to attending.

Source:  
The Cancer  
Resource Centre

# LAKE COUNTY'S WANTED FUGITIVES

## Miguel Torres Arreola

DOB: 01/31/1972 Height: 5'05"  
Age: 42 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: M Hair Color: BLK  
Sex: M Weight: 205



**Wanted for:**  
Rape, Stalking

**Last Known Location:**  
4618 Towle Ave  
Hammond, IN

## Jimmie Caldwell

DOB: 1/30/1998 Height: 5'03"  
Age: 20 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: B Hair Color: BLK  
Sex: M Weight: 130



**Wanted for:**  
Murder

**Last Known Location:**  
4707 W 59th St  
Indianapolis, IN

## Juan Antonio Chavez

DOB: 06/13/1983 Height: 5'08"  
Age: 31 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: H Hair Color: BRO  
Sex: M Weight: 150



**Wanted for:**  
Child Molesting

**Last Known Location:**  
4852 Olcott Ave  
East Chicago, IN

## Christina Marie Green

DOB: 07/02/1993 Height: 5'06"  
Age: 26 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: B Hair Color: BRO  
Sex: W Weight: 160

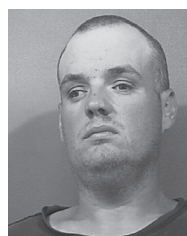


**Wanted for:**  
Intimidation,  
Domestic Battery

**Last Known Location:**  
3343 Craig Dr, Apt 144  
Hammond, IN

## Joseph Michael Gualandi

DOB: 10/08/1976 Height: 5'7"  
Age: 39 Eye Color: BLU  
Race: W Hair Color: BLN  
Sex: M Weight: 190



**Wanted for:**  
Failure to Register as a  
Sex Offender

**Last Known Location:**  
512 State St  
Hammond, IN

## Matthew David Hall

DOB: 09/13/1969 Height: 6'00"  
Age: 45 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: W Hair Color: BRO  
Sex: M Weight: 215

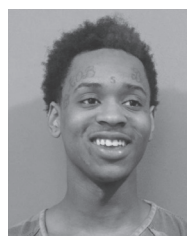


**Wanted for:**  
Failure to Register as a  
Sex Offender

**Last Known Location:**  
10108 Eerie Pl,  
1st Floor  
Highland, IN

## Devontae Christian Harris

DOB: 7/9/1997 Height: 6'03"  
Age: 20 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: B Hair Color: BLK  
Sex: M Weight: 163

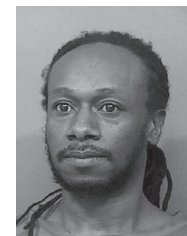


**Wanted for:**  
Armed Robbery

**Last Known Location:**  
32 E Williams St  
Hammond, IN

## Latroy Miguel Jones

DOB: 12/05/1977 Height: 5'08"  
Age: 37 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: B Hair Color: BLK  
Sex: M Weight: 147

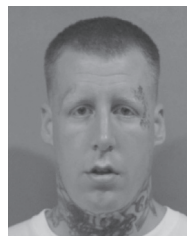


**Wanted for:**  
Attempted Murder

**Last Known Location:**  
4860 Jefferson St  
Gary, IN

## Robert Edward Simms

DOB: 5/13/1988 Height: 6'04"  
Age: 30 Eye Color: BLU  
Race: W Hair Color: BLN  
Sex: M Weight: 240



**Wanted for:**  
Armed Robbery

**Last Known Location:**  
716 E Franciscan Dr  
Crown Point, IN

## Joe Bob Summers

DOB: 12/18/1975 Height: 5'10"  
Age: 39 Eye Color: GRN  
Race: W Hair Color: BLN  
Sex: M Weight: 195

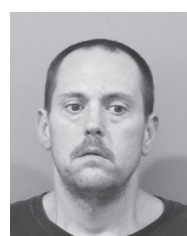


**Wanted for:**  
Robbery

**Last Known Location:**  
717 Colfax St  
Gary, IN

## Phillip Matthew Twombly

DOB: 2/6/1978 Height: 5'06"  
Age: 40 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: W Hair Color: BRO  
Sex: M Weight: 175



**Wanted for:**  
Armed Robbery

**Last Known Location:**  
5605 W Schultz Rd  
Laporte, IN

## Khadijah Chrinelle Williams

DOB: 10/10/1993 Height: 5'02"  
Age: 25 Eye Color: BRO  
Race: B Hair Color: BRO  
Sex: W Weight: 245



**Wanted for:**  
Burglary, Domestic  
Battery with a Deadly  
Weapon

**Last Known Location:**  
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Apt C  
Gary, IN

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# Hammond Neighborhood Community Meetings

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| March 19<br>Tuesday   | 6:30 PM | East Hammond/Pullman<br>Crime Watch<br>Ophelia Steen Center<br>5927 Columbia                      |
| March 20<br>Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Lafayette Neighborhood Watch<br>Lafayette School<br>856 Sibley                                    |
| March 21<br>Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Hessville Neighborhood Crime Watch<br>Jean Shephard Center,<br>1031 Mahoney Dr.                   |
| March 21<br>Thursday  | 7:00 PM | South Hammond-Jefferson<br>Crime Watch<br>Hammond Housing Authority<br>1402 173rd Street          |
| April 2<br>Tuesday    | 6:30 PM | Harrison Park Crime Watch<br>VFW<br>5820 Hohman Ave                                               |
| April 3<br>Wednesday  | 6:30 PM | Edison Community Watch<br>Edison School<br>7025 Madison                                           |
| April 5<br>Friday     | 9:15 AM | Irving Crime Watch<br>Irving School<br>4727 Pine                                                  |
| April 11<br>Thursday  | 6:30 PM | Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch<br>Calumet College-Room 200<br>2400 New York Avenue               |
| April 25<br>Thursday  | 6:30 PM | South Hohman Ave<br>Neighborhood Watch<br>Trinity Lutheran Church<br>Corner of 173rd & Hohman Ave |

# Final Show of Million Dollar Quartet

Theatre at the Center’s smash hit Million Dollar Quartet will conclude an unprecedented seven-week run at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster with a special finale performance on March 31 hosted by actor Miguel Cervantes, the title role star of Chicago’s box office sensation Hamilton.

The final performance of Million Dollar Quartet at 2:30 p.m. March 31 has been designated for host Cervantes to raise money for CURE: Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. Actor Cervantes, famed for his title role in the Chicago production of Hamilton, and his wife Kelly became ambassadors for CURE after their daughter, Adelaide, was diagnosed with epilepsy at just seven-months after her birth.

Prior to the final performance of Theatre at the Center’s Million Dollar Quartet, Cervantes with talk with the audience about family’s personal story of how epilepsy has changed their lives forever. Tickets to the finale performance of Million Dollar Quartet are \$46. There are also a limited number of special “Meet and Greet” tickets with Miguel Cervantes available for an additional \$50 which includes an autographed Playbill and photo op. Patrons must purchase the final performance ticket for Million Dollar Quartet to also purchase the “Meet and Greet” ticket option. All “Meet and Greet”

proceeds will be donated in entirety to CURE as well as \$5 from all single day ticket sales on performance day.

Director Daryl Brooks’ box office hit Million Dollar Quartet stars Zack Sorrow as Elvis Presley, Michael Kurowski as Jerry Lee Lewis, Tommy Malouf as Johnny Cash, Zachary Stevenson as Carl Perkins, Sean Fortunato as record producer Sam Phillips and Aeriel Williams as singer Dyanne.

Million Dollar Quartet, with a book by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux, is based on the true events of a night in rock ‘n’ roll history. It dramatizes an actual recording session on Dec. 4, 1956 at the Sun Records recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee when Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley assembled for an impromptu jam session.

The 410-seat TATC is a year-round professional theater at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana. With plenty of free parking, it is located off I-80/94, just 35 minutes from downtown Chicago. To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 219-836-3255 or Tickets.com at 800-511-1532 or visit [www. TheatreAtTheCenter.com](http://www.TheatreAtTheCenter.com).

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