

THE WEEKLY News



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Public Invited to Visit State Legislature Leadership La Porte County

Leadership La Porte County is inviting local citizens to join this year's adult leadership class to visit the State Capitol in Indianapolis on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. "The public is welcome to join us until the bus is full," said Monica Komaskinski, Director of Leadership La Porte County. The bus will be leaving La Porte at 6:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. The group will take a tour of the Capitol building, visit committees, and view the House and Senate if they are in session. Lunch with local legislators is also included. The cost of the trip is \$30 which includes the bus and lunch. To reserve a seat or for questions contact Leadership La Porte County at 219.325.8223 or by email at info@leadershiplaportecounty.com.

Blood Drive at First Trust Credit Union

First Trust Credit Union would like to invite the community to change a life by simply rolling up your sleeve! The local supply of blood type O negative have dropped to critically low levels. Your Red Cross needs your help now! First Trust is currently taking appointments for their on site blood drive, on Tuesday February 14th, from Noon to 5:00 p.m., at their Michigan City office at 950 E. U.S. Highway 20. The need is constant, the gratification is instant, please help First Trust make a difference by giving blood. Please call Laurie today at 219.877.2290 to schedule your appointment.

PHP Appoints President

Physicians Health Plan of Northern Indiana, Inc., (PHP), a local managed-care organization, announced that it has named Rick Cochran as President and Chief Executive Officer. Cochran joins PHP from Universal American, located in Omaha, Nebraska, where he was the Vice President and General Manager. "With over 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Rick brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to PHP," said Dr. David Stein, Interim CEO and Chairman of the PHP Board of Directors. "We are excited to have Rick join the PHP team." PHP offers fully insured and TPA health insurance products and services to businesses, individuals and families. Products include: HMO and POS plans that include high deductible health plans compatible with HSAs, Dental, HRA, FSA and Self-funded medical administration, life and disability.

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4th Annual 80s Flashback Bowling Bash

Join the La Porte Jaycees for their 4th Annual 80s Flashback Bowling Bash on Saturday, February 25, at Casey's Lanes- La Porte. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. and bowling at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per 4 person team plus \$1 for shoes, if needed. This is an event to support the Easter Egg Hunt and the La Porte Jaycees' Scholarship. Don't forget to bring cash as there will be raffles and door prizes. Plus, prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, as well as prizes for the best 80s theme outfits. For more information, or to register your team, please email Amy McGarvey at alm-cgarvey@gmail.com. Remember: the bigger the hair, the better!

CEO Re-Elected Board Chairperson

Mark Murray, Pres/CEO of Center for Hospice Care, has been re-elected to a one-year term as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) for 2012. NHPCO members care for over 90% of the nation's more than 1.6 million hospice patients. Murray has served on the 24-member national board since 2006 when he was elected Great Lakes Geographic Area Director to represent the interests of the 589 hospice program members in a six state region. He has previously served in the office of Secretary and has been a member of the NHPCO Executive Committee for the last three years.

Chamber of Commerce

The following dates are still available for 2012 Bagels and Business Membership Breakfasts: February 23, and December 13. If you are interested in sponsoring a breakfast, call 219.362.3178.

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