



West Lake news briefs

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ST. JOHN

Church donated food to hurricane survivors

The nearly 7,000 pounds of food shared in a March Katrina Mission to New Orleans came from St. John the Evangelist Church members, said Helen Rutkowski, co-coordinator of the Faith Without Borders mission ministry at the parish in St. John.

In February, the church collected 6,700 pounds of food from its quarterly Grocery Bag Day project, Rutkowski said.

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana did not take any of its local food contributions on the five-day mission trip.

Instead, staff from the Food Bank joined in the mission to New Orleans by coordinating a mobile food pantry, said Angie Williams, executive director of the Food Bank.

It was the first time the Food Bank hit the road with a mobile food pantry.

On the trip, St. John the Evangelist and Food Bank volunteers also worked in teams to rebuild four houses. Men rehabbed home interiors while women painted and tended to exterior projects.

HIGHLAND

Riders needed to help escort memorial replica

The American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Association, Chapter 1, of Hammond, will help escort the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Traveling Wall as it passes through Northwest Indiana and the Chicago area June 11.

The wall, a three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will stop briefly at 10 a.m. at Kuiper Funeral Home, 9039 Kleinman Road, in Highland. The funeral home is the staging area to register bikers and prepare for the escort on to Chicago.

Margi Rosinski, secretary for the AVMRA, is organizing motorcycle organizations, veterans groups and riders interested in making the trip. All riders must be registered for the escort to a cemetery at 12300 S. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago.

For more information, call Rosinski at (219) 852-0521.

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Golf outing proceeds to go toward athletics

Grimmer Middle School's athletic department is planning a golf outing Saturday at Palmira Golf Course in St. John.

It's a four-person scramble format, with each group of four playing as a team. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place, and for contests such as closest to the pin and longest putt.

The cost is \$75 per person or \$300 per foursome, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch before golf starting at noon and dinner after golf, which includes chicken, a variety of salads, dessert and a beverage.

Proceeds will benefit the Grimmer Gladiator Athletic Department to help buy new equipment, supplies and transportation.

For more information, call (219) 973-7531 or e-mail jbrooks@lakcentral.k12.in.us

EAST CHICAGO

City schools serve up summer food program

The East Chicago public schools are working to make sure no children in the city go hungry when school closes this summer.

The Summer Food program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is the largest resource available for local programs that combine meals with recreational and educational activities.

The program begins Monday at West Side Junior High School and St. Paul only. The following sites will open June 16: Bessie Owen, 151st Street, Heritage Hall, Marktown, Martin Luther King, Pennsylvania, Roberto Clemente and Roxana centers.

All children 18 and younger are eligible to receive free meals.

For more information about the summer food program, call Larry Farkas or Connie Berber at (219) 391-4093.

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