

Sylvia's Place planning for big month of April

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April is National Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month, and Sylvia's Child Advocacy Center Executive Director Kassie Frazier is in full swing to get the word out. She has big plans to use the occasion to drive the issue home within the county.

Frazier said SCAC recorded 204 cases in 2016 and already has logged 60 in 2017.

That number is an increase from last year as Frazier said January and February are traditionally slow months for reporting abuse.

"We talked about the increase in those months as a group," Frazier said. "I really think it's the awareness and not that so many more (cases) are happening. I think more people are talking about it."

Each Boone County town has agreed to hang prevention banners for all of April. An ugly tie campaign with the motto "Nothing Is As Ugly As Child Abuse" will begin April 1. Frazier will speak at the Boone County Community Foundation Leadership Day, which is also BCCR Law Enforcement Day, on April 19.

Funded through SCAC and Prevent Child Abuse Boone County, Frazier said, the purple banners will be an important reminder for each person who sees them throughout the month. A 24-hour hotline number is displayed, along with the phrase "Use your heart, not your hands."

"I want all towns to feel as connected as possible, and they (the banners) will go up in every town to show that we're all in this together," Frazier said.

The ugly tie drive has been designed to unite different county leaders in the fight against child abuse.



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BIG MONTH: Sylvia's Place Child Advocacy Center Executive Director Kassie Frazier (left) talks with victim advocate Meredith Erwin in the center's lobby.

SCAC staff members and Frazier will travel around the county to get pictures of the leaders wearing ugly ties, to display on the center's social media sites. For those wishing to send in ugly tie pictures in support, Frazier said they should use the hash tag #TieOneCampaign and tag the center's Twitter account @boone_cac.

"Our goal with this campaign is to show how many people in our community will stand together to stop abuse," Frazier said.

Frazier will speak during the BCCF Law Enforcement Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 19, at Sylvia's Place, Lebanon's Municipal Building and the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Several of the county's law enforcement leaders, including Sheriff Mike Nielsen, will attend.

"That's one of the biggest things we have coming up in the month of April," Frazier said.

Wrapping up the month is the annual Superhero 5K at 8:30 a.m. April 29 at Lebanon's Memorial Park. This event has gained popularity with kids and adults alike, as runners/walkers dress

up as their favorite superhero.

"We wanted this event to be as much about the kids as possible," Frazier said.

Appropriately, special guest and superhero Flash, from DC Comics, will be on hand. A phone booth, for those wishing to get a photo coming out like Superman will be available. Old school comic book word balloons with "Pow" and "Bam" will be provided to hold for pictures. Different booths promoting child health and safety will offer related literature and items.

The Humane Society for Boone County will also be in attendance with some of its "superpets." Pets attending the event are also encouraged to dress up.

Cost of the 5K run/walk will be \$30 per adult and free to kids 13-and-under due to sponsorships from the Lebanon Police Department, Boone County Guardian Ad Litem, and Zionsville Tri Kappa.

"We've been very lucky with our sponsorships," Frazier said.

Visit the center's Facebook account at SylviasCAC for more information.

OBITUARIES

GREENWOOD CITY, COLORADO

Patia Crawford

Patia Ann Maxwell Crawford was born on Dec. 30, 1924 in Indianapolis, the daughter of Patia and Warren Maxwell. She died March 23, 2017.

Patia was the older sister of brothers John "Skip," and Richard "Dick," Maxwell.

Patia graduated from Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, then moved to Chicago, after graduation. She did some modeling and worked

for the Chicago Tribune. Patia met her future husband, Calvin Heisler, while on vacation with a girlfriend in the mountains of Colorado. Patia and Calvin Heisler married in 1949 and were blessed with four children, Ned, Jenni, Linda and Kurt. Patia married Robert "Ross" Crawford in 1982 and remained happily married for 24 years until Ross's death in 2006.

Patia was an unconditionally loving and proud grandmother of her three grandkids, Garrett Glasco Heisler, Hallie Patia Ann Heisler and Connor Alexander Heisler.

Patia was an elegant, beautiful woman who always thought of others before herself. She lived by the word of god as demonstrated in how she always served and cared for others before herself. Her friends and family will truly miss her positive spirit, compassion for others and her giving ways. The Maxwell family owned a farm with acreage in Zionsville for many years. Memorial services will be held for Patia Ann Maxwell Crawford at 10 a.m. on April 8, the Eagle Cemetery in Zionsville.

ZIONSVILLE

Robert K. Atkinson, Jr.

Robert K. Atkinson, Jr., 80 years old, of Zionsville, Indiana passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2017. He was born in Indianapolis, to the now late Robert, Sr. and Geneva Atkinson.

Robert was employed with Iron workers Local 22 many years. He was loved

by many for his sense of humor and giving spirit to all who knew him.

Robert is survived by his loving friend, Stephen Jensen; He was preceded in death by his son, Michael J. Atkinson; siblings, Kenneth G. Atkinson and Janet Profrock; nephews, Ken-

neth and Paul Profrock.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon with services immediately following on Thursday, April 6, at Flanner and Buchanan -Zionsville 105 W. Pine St., Zionsville.



EPA Begins Review of Envirochem Corp. Superfund Site Zionsville, Indiana

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a five-year review of the Envirochem Corp. Superfund site 865 S. State Road 421 near Zionsville. The Superfund law requires regular checkups of sites that have been cleaned up – with waste managed on-site – to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. This is the fourth five-year review of this site.

EPA's cleanup of the site included soil vapor extraction to remove volatile organic compounds; a multilayer cap to reduce water infiltration and to minimize contact with contaminated materials; a groundwater collection and treatment system; long-term monitoring; and limits on use of and access to the site.

More information is available at Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, 250 N. Fifth St., Zionsville, and at www.epa.gov/superfund/envirochem-corp. The review should be completed by April 2018.

The five-year review is an opportunity for you to tell EPA about site conditions and any concerns you have. Contact:

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