

ART ADVENTURE

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Pro wrestlers coming to Cedar Lake

On Friday March 25, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana's Cedar Lake club will be transformed into a wrestling ring as the Nu Wave Wrestling Association presents its "Survival of the Fittest" event.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with bell time at 7 p.m. The wrestling event will last about two and a half hours.

About 20 wrestlers are scheduled to participate, including Scott Powers, Taylor Made, Ruff Crossing, Melanie Cruise, Chris Cairo, Jackknife, Johnny Showtime, Marcus Portrait, GQ, Justin James, Mitch Blake, Jimmy Blaze, John Campbell and NWWA champion Zain RamZey.

Local fan favorite Diamond Steel, "The Rockin' Rebel," will also perform at the wrestling event. Diamond Steel was just selected as one of the finalists on the WWE television show "Tough Enough." The show premieres on the USA Network April 4.

Chris Best, promoter for NWWA, believes that professional wrestling should be considered as an art form, since it takes months, and in some cases years to learn "the art of wrestling." I agree. The ring could be compared to a blank canvas; the subject matter of

the artwork could be paralleled to the story line of the match, for example, good versus evil; and the viewer's response to the artwork could be compared to the audience participation at a match.

Best further explains, "All of the wrestlers have full time jobs, and do this on the side." The NWWA has been operating since 1996 and is based in Lake Station. The company performs primarily in northwest Indiana and has a core group of about 20 wrestlers.

Rubin Nieto, newly appointed athletic director of the Cedar Lake Boys & Girls club, spearheaded this event and is pumped up about hosting it for the first time at the Cedar Lake Boys & Girls Club.

According to Nieto: "Having NWWA appear at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana Cedar Lake Club will offer our kids and our community great quality family entertainment. They will provide our community with a professional wrestling experience that one may not get to see unless paying high prices and traveling to Chicago. I hope to accomplish unification between our club and the community. We should be viewed as a place that offers many different experiences to the



Johnny Showtime dives from the top rope during a NWWA wrestling event. He will be performing Friday in Cedar Lake. | PHOTO PROVIDED

members and families. I look forward to offering much more in the future."

Tickets are \$10 a person and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Cedar Lake club. Tickets can be purchased at the club at 13000 Fairbanks, Cedar Lake. Or, call (219) 374-5306 to reserve tickets. Visit the Boys & Girls Clubs website at www.bgnwci.org for additional information.

For more information on the NWWA visit www.facebook.com/nww.prowrestling or www.nwwaprowrestling.com.

Final hearings on territory

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LOWELL — Residents will have one last chance to have their opinions heard concerning the proposed Tri-Creek Fire Protection Territory in a spate of public hearings that begin Monday and end just days before the April 1 deadline.

The hearings, which were originally supposed to be concluded this week, were rescheduled to next week after a problem with the wording of the public notice was discovered.

A tax rate of about .24 cents has been set for the territory, which will have a budget of \$2.095 million.

The proposed territory includes the towns of Lowell and Schneider, Cedar Creek and West Creek townships, the Lowell, Lake Dalecarlia, Schneider and Shelby vol-

unteer fire departments and Tri-Creek Emergency Medical Services.

The territory will provide for two full-time EMS trained firefighters on duty at all fire stations during the day. It will also increase the number of full-time ambulance personal on the job.

The Shelby portion of Cedar Creek Township and all of Eagle Creek Township have decided not to participate in the territory.

Public hearings are scheduled:

6 p.m. Monday March 21, West Creek Township, Lowell Middle School

6 p.m. Thursday March 24, Cedar Creek Township, Lowell High School

7 p.m. Monday, March 28, Lowell Town Council, Town Hall

7 p.m. Monday March 28, Schneider Town Council, Schneider Community Building

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