

# 'Great Pig Out' to promote crisis center's work

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CONTACT Rape Crisis Center is taking a break from the rigors of the job — to make contact with the community.

The "Great Pig Out" will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Camp Mad Anthony Wayne, 2125 Spring Valley Drive. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Children under 12 are admitted for \$10.

"We wanted to have a fun event, something to promote what we do and that we do exist," said Tara Brannon, executive director of CONTACT. "But, we're not going to push what we do.

"People need to be aware of CONTACT, though we hope they never need our services. But if so, they know how to access those services."

The inaugural "Great Pig Out" was named to grab the attention of community, after years of



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The 1937 Flood performs during the "Great Pig Out" on Saturday. The center conducting a "more laborious" event.

"Because we're nonprofit and survive only by donations and grants, these fund-raisers are crucial," said Bennie Breece, chairperson for the fund-raiser

and CONTACT board member. "It gives us the chance to raise awareness of what CONTACT does, while having a little fun.

"We tried to pick a location that was a little different, and Camp Mad Anthony Wayne is a

## If you go

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The 1937 Flood provides live music.

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great place to enjoy the leaves and the fall air."

Brannon said she hopes that the choice of location draws more people than might ordinarily come.

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is not in the middle of nowhere. A lot of people think that, but it's no further than going to the mall," she said. "It's a really neat fall venue, and we think it's perfect for this fall activity."

Scheduled activities include entertainment by The 1937 Flood, door prizes and food choices such as BBQ and hotdogs, as well as information tables informing the public about the programs CONTACT offers.

"We have a two-pronged service to the community — intervention services to past and present rape victims, as well as education to the community at large," said Brannon, of the rape crisis center, formed in the 1980s to serve Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason counties. "We offer a 24-hour hotline operated by staff and about 30 trained volunteers, provide medical advocacy by responding to sexual assaults that present at local ERs and doctor's offices, and we offer follow-up to victims or to families of victims."

The center also participates in legal proceedings and gives psychological referrals, as necessary, as well as visiting local middle and high schools and universities informing students about what sexual assault means.

"We're triage," Breece said.

"We're there right when it happens, and we're able to assist them and refer them on to other folks if that's what needs to be done."

CONTACT's 24-hour hotline at (304) 399-1111 receives about 30 calls monthly, split between hospital and crisis calls.

"Call volume is increasing, and I think that's good because it means more people are aware of us," Brannon said. "We know that sexual assault goes on whether they call or not, but they're realizing we're out there to help."

Tickets for the "Great Pig Out" are available by calling (304) 523-3447, or may be purchased at Wright's, Corner Depot, Borders in the Huntington Mall, Hattie and Nan's, Griffith and Feil or from any CONTACT board member.

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<b>THE FORGOTTEN (PG13)</b>	5:25 - 7:30 - 9:35
<b>SKY CAPTAIN (PG)</b>	5:20-7:30-9:40
<b>CINEMA 4</b>	
<b>RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE (R)</b>	5:20 - 7:25 - 9:30
<b>CELLULAR (PG13)</b>	5:25-7:30-9:35
<b>HERO (PG13)</b>	5:25-7:35-9:40
<b>WIMBLEDON (PG13)</b>	4:15-9:30
<b>DE-LOVELY (PG13)</b>	7:30-9:40
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