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Bravo! Green for Sweet Pea

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Event name: Fourth annual "Blarney Bash" for Sweet Pea Foundation

When, where: March 17 at Knights of Columbus, Elkhart

Estimated attendance: 185

Event features: St. Patrick's Day celebration with authentic Irish food, green beer and, of course, Irish music

Who benefits: Sweet Pea Foundation received \$4,000 from the fundraiser.

Sponsors: Niblock Excavating, Wightman Petrie, H & G Services, JPMorgan Chase, Kropp Fire Protection, LandAmerica Lawyers Title, NCMI, Northland Corp., Prestbury Homes, St. Joseph Capital Bank/Old National Bank, Martin's Super Markets, Stahl Heating & Air Conditioning and Transhield.

About Sweet Pea Foundation: Established in 2003 in memory of Grace Elizabeth Letherman, aka Sweet Pea, the nonprofit foundation supports organizations and charities (Riley Hospital for Children, Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, Chicago Children's Memorial Hospital and Ronald McDonald House -- West Deming Street, Chicago) that help sick children and their families. Foundation was formed by Sweet Pea's parents, Pete and Suzanne Letherman, after their 6-month-old daughter died of a rare genetic disorder.

Information: www.sweetpeafoundation.org



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Family time: Mike Kloska of Granger takes a breather as two of his four children, Elizabeth, 1, and Michael, 3, enjoy some activities at the Blarney Bash.

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Irish fun: Kids (from left) Noah Wilsey, 8; Jacob Leatherman, 8; Claire Kloska, 5; sister Katie Kloska, 4; and Chloe Rafinski, 5, have some fun at the Blarney Bash celebration at Knights of Columbus. The Sweet Pea Foundation received \$4,000 from the fundraiser, money that will be given to other organizations the Sweet Pea Foundation supports.
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