

April 11 breakfast to show concern for children abuse

MADISON -The Madison Scout Venture Crew 77 and is sponsor, Madison Lodge 1465 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will host a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 11, at the Elks lodge at 192 Main St. The cost is \$7 per person.

The event is intended to raise awareness of child abuse. The \$7 admission includes a donation and a pinwheel in the Elks garden against child abuse. Pinwheels are a symbol of the happy, carefree childhood everyone deserves, according to the Venture Crew. The pinwheels will all be planted after the breakfast and will show the community's stand against child abuse.

Venture Crew 77 noted that

child abuse has become one of the most significant social problems facing the nation. Recent public opinion polls rank the problem of child abuse second only to drug abuse as a national concern. In 2007 more than 5.5 million cases of abuse or neglect were reported to child protective services agencies in the United States. Based on those numbers, five children die each day as a result of child abuse or neglect.

The public is encouraged to attend the breakfast and demonstrate concern about the safety of children in society.

For information about the breakfast, e-mail the Venture Crew at eagle70@op-tonline.net.

