



# The Whitlock

An Independent Living Community

## Meet Madene *Resident of the Month*



You could call her the Whitlock matriarch because **Madene Balsley** has been here longer than anyone else so far. In the 14 years she has been a resident, she said she has kept track of the people who have come and gone — 115 since 2004!

The youngest of seven children, Madene was born in Millersburg during the depression in 1931. Her family moved to Dogwood Road, in Bremen when she was five. "I've been in Bremen ever since," she said.

Madene married Marvin at the Bremen Church of the Brethren and they were married 30 years before his passing in 1986. She has three sons. Rick passed away in November, 2016. "My sons, Jerry and Ronnie, come to see me every Tuesday evening," she said. "We talk over things, take care of business and play games. I really appreciate them and we enjoy our time together. Madene has four grandsons, one granddaughter and six great-grandsons. Displays of family photos attest to her fun-loving family.

She worked at Woodies meat department for 26 years before she retired. Madene is the oldest member of Church of the Brethren, and she loves to travel. "My sister, Lois, four cousins, and I would take a trip every year," she said. "We've visited Lancaster, PA; New Orleans, San Francisco, and Green Bay, among others." A 15-day Amtrak train trip in '98 to New Mexico and the western states are especially memorable.

"I have also taken six trips to New Windsor, MD at the Brethren Service Center," she adds. "We helped sort and bundle donated clothing, which were sent to third world locations in need." She had also helped package international items made by people from other countries that were then distributed and sold in the States.

"I like living here because I don't have to cook!" she exclaimed. "We're free to come and go as we please. Sunday after church my friend, Al, joins me here for dinner. And I enjoy the weekly devotions provided by different pastors."

"God bless everyone who makes this place what it is for us to enjoy," Madene adds. "Thank you."

### Get set...



### Go!



Chilly rain was not enough to keep these hardy kids and parents from **The Whitlock's 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on March 31. Around 100 children were excited to get out there and pick up the goody-filled treasures. Once again the VFW and Whitlock volunteers organized a terrific day for everyone. Many eggs also held a special ticket giving the lucky finders an opportunity to choose a fantastic prize.



Earlier in the day, the young-at-heart residents had fun with their own hunt looking for eggs the staff hid for them. ♪

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## Whitlock Who's Who

### Ann Holmes, VP, Board of Directors

Ann's exuberant joy serves her well as a Whitlock Board member. "One of my favorite things is meeting new people. I not only get to meet new people but I get to know the residents, staff and other board members too. It's like a cruise ship without the water!"



In her 12th year as director of the Church of the Brethren (COB) Preschool, Ann and her students are regular visitors at The Whitlock twice a month. "I have had many parents over the years tell me their child's favorite thing at preschool was to go and visit the 'grandfriends'," she says.

"On our last visit one of the little girls said as we arrived, 'Teacher, I feel joy in my heart.' I told her that was the love of Jesus in her heart as she was excited to share her happiness with our grandfriends.

It is a wonderful partnership because many families are transient or do not live around family so some of the little ones aren't around seniors. The visits open up a whole new experience and friendship for everyone involved and is a great way for the little ones to practice their public speaking.

The daughter of Larry and Donna Weston, Ann was happily raised right outside of town. She studied at IU Bloomington and married her high school sweetheart, Troy, 31 years ago. In their first 10 years of marriage they moved seven times with Troy's finance position with General Electric. They lived in Bloomington, IN; Schenectady, NY (twice); Cincinnati, OH; Charlotte, NC; St. Charles, IL; and back home to Bremen.

"It was an adventure and a lot of fun living in such diverse areas," she said. "It's a real joy to be home in Bremen because much of our family live around this area. They have two grown children, Samantha and Ty. "I love cheering on the Bremen Lions, treasure hunting at auctions, garage sales, resale shops and drinking tea. I also enjoy travel, kayaking and bicycling," Ann added. ~

## Nelson's fundraiser set for Mark Wagner Scholarship

We will miss Mark who served us generously. As a tribute to his passing, local volunteers established the **Mark Wagner Memorial Scholarship** through the Bremen Dollars for Scholars organization. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Bremen graduating senior. This year, Bremen Dollars for Scholars will award two \$1,000 scholarships in Mark's name with the help of anonymous donors.

On Saturday, April 21, Bremen Dollars for Scholars will host a Nelson's Port-A-Pit fundraiser for the fund at Woodies Parking Lot and at the Sunnyside Park tennis courts from 10 am – 2 pm. Cost: \$7 per half-chicken. One-hundred percent of proceeds will go to the Mark Wagner Scholarship Fund. If you prefer to donate directly to the fund, donations will be accepted at the fundraiser or checks payable to Bremen Dollars for Scholars may be mailed to: P.O. Box 144, Bremen, IN 46506, with a notation for the Mark Wagner Scholarship Fund. ~

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# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2p Devotions</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2p Games with Jane</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 7p Golden Memories Orchestra</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2p Devotions</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2p Games with Jane</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30a Exercise</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2p Devotions</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2p Games with Jane</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 7p Golden Memories Orchestra (tentative)</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>10a-2p Nelson's Port-a-Pit Fundraiser for Mark Wagner Scholarship fund.</b></p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2p Devotions Finger Foods and Fun (Time TBD)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2p Games with Jane</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:30a Exercise</p>	<p>28</p>
 <p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo</p>	 <p><b>Phyllis Boocher (9)</b> <b>Ora Mae Laws (10)</b> <b>Jim Sheldon (19)</b> <b>Sharon Nelson (30)</b></p>				

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