



# The Whitlock

An Independent Living Community



## Holly Jolly Christmas

For the second year, the generous elves at Indiana Carton Co., made 2017 Christmas one for the Whitlock family to smile about! On December 21st, the Whitlock staff, its Board of Directors, and guests hosted a resident Christmas party full of music, lunch, homemade cookies and hot wassail.

Entertainment during lunch included the Brooke Bahr and Nicole Heuni duo, Adrian Mark, and piano music by Adrian's daughter, Amanda Dembiec.

Santa and Mrs. Claus came riding in to present the residents with their gifts. It was a magical afternoon, thanks to Cindy Main and Indiana Carton employees. Thank you all for your generosity of spirit! ❧

*(Photos next page)*

## Meet Loretta *Resident of the Month*

**Loretta Huff** moved to The Whitlock so her grandson, Andrew and his new wife could live at her home at Huff's Pond. The homestead has remained in the family for many, many years and she is pleased it will still be there for the next generation of Huffs.

A light-spirited lady with ready smiles and laughter, she is just fine with her little Whitlock apartment. "How much does a person really need?", she remarked with a laugh. Lush violets and a Christmas cactus fill half her table, adding life to the room.

An open coloring book and pencils reveal one of the hobbies she enjoys, as well as scrapbooking. "I have made two scrapbooks for each of our children and for almost all of the grandkids," she said. She has 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

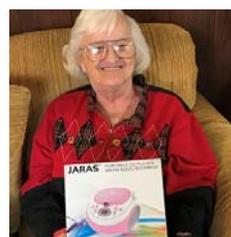
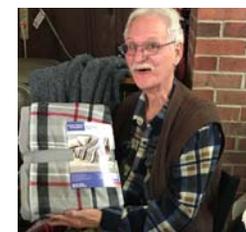
Loretta and Jim met in high school and their first date was an FFA hayride. After high school, they married the day after her birthday, June 26, 1949 at ages 18 and 19. They were married 63 years before he passed away in January 2012.

Both were raised on farms, and Loretta enjoyed being a stay-at-home wife and mother. "We took over the Huff Hill Dairy Farm that was his parents and sold fresh milk at the farm. We worked together on all farm projects." They had four children, Carlene, Max, Rex, and Kristy, who passed away at 44 due to illness in 2009.

After Jim retired from farming, the couple traveled nation-wide, delivering RVs. "We also had a business called Huff & Puff RV Sales," Loretta said. She is tickled that Andrew has named his thriving longboard business Huff & Puff Board Co.

The community remembers that for 30 years Jim and Loretta hosted Bremen Holy Walk at Huff's Pond. The Holy Walk was originally created by then Grace United Methodist Church. "I helped with costumes and did whatever needed to be done.," Loretta said. "I am so pleased that the Holy Walk grew to include many churches and still remains a big part of our community." ❧





# The Cookie Connection

Resident, Marge Shorter loves to bake. She's a pro and continues to be active with her baking skills. And she loves to share—not just the goodies she creates, but her knowledge of it.

After expressing the desire to bake with young people, Amber Lawmaster, counselor at BHS and also a member of the Whitlock Board of Directors, arranged for students to bake Christmas cookies at The Whitlock. Students from Student Council and Key Club joined Marge in the kitchen and had a great time making a variety of favorites: Candy Cane, Mexican Wedding Balls, Oh Henry Bars, Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies, and Jam Thumbprints.

What to do with all of those cookies? Easy. The group individually plated and delivered warm from the oven to each resident at their apartment. The residents loved them!  
(More photos, page 4)



(l-r) Andrea Cervantes, Janella Contreras, Elizabeth Torres, Eric Perez, Marge Shorter, Brett Yelaska, Wendy Nava, Emma Lawmaster (4th grade), Courtney Lawmaster, Isabel Reynoso, Katie Barnes, and Natalie Gutierrez



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# Whitlock Who's Who

***New This Year:** Each month, the newsletter will introduce readers to the folks who help make The Whitlock an ideal place to live. We begin, logically, with the person responsible for the daily operations and for whom the residents rely for their needs.*

## Steve Wirgau, Administrator



Steve Wirgau is a seven-year veteran at The Whitlock. When he was named Administrator in 2013, he had already served three years as Maintenance Supervisor, which he continues, in addition to overseeing daily operations.

Steve manages many facets of the organization and works closely with the Board of Directors. He has a heart for the Whitlock family, making sure the residents are safe and comfortable. When an apartment becomes available he personally makes sure it is prepared “like new” for a new resident to move in. He extends the extra mile to keep The Whitlock running smoothly.

Steve and his wife, Laura, make their home in Bremen. They have two children and five grandchildren, some of whom participate in the activities The Whitlock hosts throughout the year. ☺



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# Christmas Came A-Calling

## *Carolers...*



First United Church of Christ, Bremen

## *Concerts...*



Grace Fellowship Church Choirs, Bremen

## *Friends...*



The family of Judith Strouse, a previous resident, who passed away in 2016, came to visit. Judy's daughter, Diana Schrock, granddaughter Courtney Blackford (on piano) and baby Quinn brought music, cookies, and a goody bag for everyone. Judy had lived at The Whitlock for nearly three years, and her family chose to show their appreciation in this lovely way.

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 7	1 10:30a Exercise 2p Senior Trivia 6p Bingo	2 2p Devotions	3 2p Games with Jane	4 10:30a Exercise 6p Games with Jane	5 10:30a Exercise	6
14	15 10:30a Exercise 2p Senior Trivia 6p Bingo	16 2p Devotions	17 11:15a Blood Pressure Clinic 2p Games with Jane	18 10:30a Exercise 6p Games with Jane	19 10:30a Exercise	20
21	22 10:30a Exercise 2p Senior Trivia 6p Bingo	23 2p Devotions	24 2p Games with Jane	25 10:30a Exercise 6p Games with Jane	26 10:30a Exercise	27
28	29 10:30a Exercise 2p Senior Trivia 6p Bingo	30 2p Devotions <b>5:30p Southwire Co. Project GIFT Visit</b>	31			

For I KNOW  
the PLANS  
I HAVE for You  
declares the Lord,  
PLANS to  
prosper you  
and Not to harm you.  
PLANS to GIVE YOU  
hope and a  
future.  
JEREMIAH 29:11



Joan Seach (11), Cindy Leonard (14), Dale Seese (30)