



The Whitlock

An Independent Living Community

Meet Melissa

Keeping family close



Melissa Leonard joined The Whitlock as cook in January 2009. She arrived to fill an opening just a few months after her mother, Cindy Leonard, was hired. Carrying on the family tradition of “taught by Mom,” the family duo provides traditional and delicious home-cooked meals each Noon for the residents.



Melissa provides much more than food in her service. On top of coordinating menu planning, cooking and baking cookies from “scratch,” she is on hand to provide multiple needs from a band-aid to mowing the extensive lawn on the property. Melissa also acts as administrative assistant coordinating guest visits and many aspects involved in the business functions.

She knows each resident well and cares for their welfare, assisting with their needs. “It is like a family here,” Melissa said. “I like it.”

Melissa is single, grew up and lives in Bourbon. She graduated from Triton High School. “I didn’t get my driver’s license until I was 26,” she said. “When I was young I was in the car with my sister when we were hit in an accident. It scared me enough and I wasn’t in a hurry. Now, I drive everywhere.”

The family, including her Mom, sister, Karissa and husband, and their two children, recently returned from a vacation trip to Maine. “We visited Bremen, Maine, too!” The caravan included two motorcycles, a Jeep and a truck as they traveled from Indiana through New England states to the Maine coast and back. “We had a great time,” Melissa exclaimed. ☪



Surprise after the Parade

Families of two Whitlock residents treated them with a visit to display their antique vehicles, which they had driven in the Firemen’s Festival Parade, Tuesday evening, June 26.

Above left, Marilyn Ralston and her grandson, Charlie Houin, pose with the Ralston’s Model T. The vehicle has joined Bremen’s parade for many years, originally driven by Marilyn’s husband, the late Cal Ralston.



Also, Eleanor DeSchepper welcomed her son, Dale, and grandson, Jerome (pictured above right), when they arrived on two tractors representing DeSchepper Farm Services, Wyatt. ☪



I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream

See “Cool Surprise” on page 2.

Whitlock Who's Who

Sharon Bohannon
Vice President & Editor
Board of Directors



When I joined the Board four years ago, I honestly hadn't much of an idea of The Whitlock environment and expectations. However, when invited, I responded, "sure, why not?" It has been an eye-opening and enriching experience; forging new friendships and realizing there is always more to give.

I look up to the folks who live here. They are feisty, fun and resilient with ready smiles and much wisdom. Many from this strong generation have weathered depressions, wars, and heartaches, as well as blessings and successes. They teach us so much about keeping the faith and enduring with a positive outlook. Many have family nearby and some don't. They love to chat with visitors, so stop and say hello!

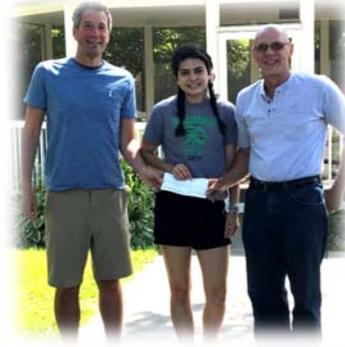
Lakeville was my home town and I lived and worked near Chicago for a few years returning to South Bend in the '70s. Ten years ago, I retired from Robert Bosch Corp., (previously Bendix then AlliedSignal) after 30 years and surviving corporate changes. My roles began as an admin assistant for various executives, eventually landing in communications writing business news for the Bosch North America corporate website.

In 1994, my husband, Jon, and I moved our family to Bremen so that our younger ones could attend Bremen schools. It's been the best choice for all of us living in this caring, diverse community.

Among our four awesome children we are blessed with eight grands—four boys and four girls—ranging from ages 18 years to 19 months who share goofy grins and high hopes for bright futures. ☺

Gutierrez awarded scholarship

The Whitlock is pleased to award Natalie Gutierrez a \$500 scholarship toward her college education. Natalie baked cookies and sang carols at Christmas and also found time to visit with the residents. "I find it incredible that us high school students have the opportunity to win a scholarship for hanging out with those at The Whitlock," she says. "My heart would fill with joy seeing the faces of the residents and I would leave with the biggest smile on my face!" Natalie plans to attend IUSB majoring in business. ☺



A cool surprise!

Bonus! While the guys from L. Nolt & Sons Construction continue their hard work to install new roofing on the Whitlock facility, they took some time last month to make ice cream for everyone in their own ice cream maker pictured left. Residents didn't hesitate to get in line for this sweet treat! (Photo page 1) ☺

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo	2p Devotions	 INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>	10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane	10:30a Exercise	
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