



# The Whitlock

An Independent Living Community

## Warming Up a Winter Eve



While the polar vortex hit the Midwest and everyone hunkered down for a couple of days, Southwire's Project GIFT crew saved the evening Tuesday, Jan. 29. They showed up with canvases, cookies and hot cocoa. Twenty painters, including residents, staff and children participated.

"One of our volunteers led with instructions," said Jodie Overmyer, Southwire. "Each person's painting looked different, even following the same instructions. It's all about perception!" Indeed, each personality shone bright with their versions of snowmen.

After paintings were complete, everyone savored hot cocoa and cookies. Thank you, Project GIFT for warming up a chilly winter evening! ❄️



## Meet Mary Lou

### *Resident of the Month*

Mary Lou Ervin is one of the "new kids" who moved in to The Whitlock just last November. "I planned to live here a long time ago," she said. "Living alone is lonely, so this is a good place to be."

In 1950, Mary Lou Swank married Andy Ervin. They had 67 wonderful years together before his sudden passing in December 2017. They have three sons, Joe, Jeff and Steve, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, who visit often. "My grandchildren come and eat lunch with me here sometimes, and they are always welcomed. They like it as much as I do."

A self-proclaimed, "Bremenite," Mary Lou and Andy were high school sweethearts at Bremen. After graduation she worked, they married, had the three boys, then she attended Vogue Beauty School. She had her own shop for 10 years in her home.

Mary Lou bowled on a league for years and loves being outside doing yard work. Andy worked at NIPSCO for 42 years. The family went camping often for vacation. "Andy was a collector of all kinds of things — lanterns, watches, coins..." Mary Lou said. "We went to auctions when we traveled."

Mary Lou has a history with The Whitlock. Her brother, Eldon Swank, lived here for about five years. He is 98, lives in Florida now and calls his sister often. Also, Mary Lou's sister, Dortha Hampsher, had lived at The Whitlock some years ago.

The Whitlock gives Mary Lou a sense of security while she is getting to know fellow residents and feel at home. Welcome to the family, Mary Lou and we hope you continue to enjoy! ❄️

# Whitlock Who's Who

## Charles Sauter Board of Directors

My involvement with the Whitlock began long before there was the Whitlock and long before it was the Bremen Manor. Yes, all the way back when it was still a cornfield! My family lived in the large tan house on the corner of Grant and Marshall Streets. The Manor was a playground for my brothers and me while it was being built. Later, we delivered the *South Bend Tribune* to many of the residents. Yes, it could be said we had a monopoly.

Numerous family members have lived at the Whitlock over the years, beginning with a great aunt, then a grandmother and finally just a few years ago my in-laws, Charlene and George Hampe.

More recently I joined the Whitlock board to represent my church when openings occurred. First United Church of Christ, Bremen was one of the founding churches of the Bremen Manor in the early 1960s. I have been a church trustee and board member for more than 30 years and had some previous experiences with the Whitlock.

I am a retired teacher and coach, having taught U.S. History and Geography at Jimtown Junior High School for 39 years. Also, I coached football and track, and served as athletic director and acting principal.

Barb and I have been married 42 years. We have two children: Erin teaches at Wakarusa Elementary and Mike is a paramedic-firefighter for the Mishawaka Fire Department. We have five grandchildren: Taylor, Ella, Georgia, Asher and Kennedy.

The Whitlock is a large diverse family with the staff, board members, residents and community members working together to make the Whitlock a better place. Various activities such as the fish fry, Easter egg hunt, pie day, summer cookout, the Holy Walk and the Christmas party are indicators of good things happening in the Whitlock community. It is a privilege and honor to be part the board and I look forward to continuing to serve The Whitlock community. ❄️



Charlie & Barb Sauter



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## WINTER WALKING... Through

February, Whitlock residents are welcome to get their walking steps in at Bremen High School on Sunday afternoons. The building will be open from 12 to 3 pm, when the community is invited to play basketball in the gym.



## WHITLOCK ANNUAL MEETING

2PM • SUNDAY • MARCH 10, 2019  
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# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 3	4	5	6	7	1 10:30a Exercise	2 
 10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo	4	2p Devotions	2p Games with Jane	10:30a Exercise 11:15a Blood Pressure 6pm Games with Jane	10:30a Exercise  12:45p Bremen School 4th Grade —Marcy Porter	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo  <i>President's Day</i>	18	2p Devotions	2p Games with Jane	10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane	10:30a Exercise	23
24	25	26	27	28		
10:30a Exercise 2p Trivia 6p Bingo	25	2p Devotions	2p Games with Jane	10:30a Exercise 6pm Games with Jane		



Carol Carl (8), Melissa Leonard (18), Billie Schrock (18), Ruth Whaley (18)