

# Whitestown Newsletter

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## *Angela Walker Volunteers to Take Over The Whitestown Newsletter*

Angela Walker of Walker Farms has graciously volunteered to serve as the new editor of the *Whitestown Newsletter*, beginning with the January 2004 issue. She will be assisted by a group of Walker Farms residents, including longtime Whitestown resident Diana Baker.

Peter Stork and his wife, Natalie Kime Stork, have also volunteered to assist with production of the *Newsletter*. The Storks have been loyal supporters of the *Newsletter* for the past year (see advertisement on the back cover of the *Newsletter*).

Ascot Financial Services (formerly Indianapolis Mortgage Group), who has been subsidizing the printing of the *Newsletter* for almost two years, is willing to continue in this endeavor. Carla Jackson, part-owner of the company, has volunteered many long hours of her time in order to copy this lengthy monthly publication and has offered to continue doing so. Because of the generosity of Carla and Ascot Financial Services, the *Newsletter* has been able to be offered to the community free of charge.

Until Angela's first issue is published, articles and ads may continue to be submitted to:

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# WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2003  
Submitted by Deana Harter

7:30 Mike McQueen called the meeting to order. Role call was taken; Mike McQueen and Carla Jackson are present.

Attendees: Kathy Graham, Deana Harter, Christine Atkinson, Darin Garrett, Dan Boutwell, John Allen, John and Debra Zachelmeyer, Don Barrett, Corleeth Barrett, Hershel Fisher, Bill Walker, Jack Adukes, Ed Krouse, Linda Hurst, Estelle Albright, Steve King, Donna King, Steve Brock, Nick Kile, Allen Valenti, Sam Sorter, Amos Greeson, Todd Harper-Times Sentinel, Dan Kragenbrink and Dan Jines.

Carla made the motion to approve last month's minutes. Mike seconded the motion. Unanimous vote ensued.

## NEW BUSINESS

Carla began. She has been doing research; she showed the Whitestown utility service map. Allen Valenti and Nick Kyle, his attorney, is here. Carla is asking the Area Planning Commission to remove the regional sewer district. She is bringing this to the Board to seek Board approval. She will go to the County Council Wednesday for a meeting. Carla believes the purchasing of Utility should pay for itself. Carla requested the motion she proceed forward to purchase Boone County Utility.

Mike asked Steve Brock if his numbers are solid. Steve answered with detail how he came to his numbers. Mike asked if we could eventually provide service to all of this utility area. Steve said there would be in-town rates and out-of-town rates based on the cost to provide service to the area. Mike made the motion for Cara to proceed forward in the town purchasing Boone County Utility. Carla seconded the motion. Unanimous vote; motion passed.

Carla said Chris Janock has agreed to be the Town's attorney for this. Mike made the motion to hire Chris Janock of Rose McKinney and Evans to handle the purchase of Boone County Utilities. Carla Jackson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote ensued; motion passed.

Mike read Scott Abbott's resignation from the Town Board due to the fact that his family is moving out of Whitestown.

Carla made the motion for Mike to serve as President of the Board. Mike seconded the motion. Unanimous vote ensued; motion passed.

Estelle Albright brought up the amendment she requested to last month's minutes (she is not against future growth). Carla stated last month's minutes have been changed to reflect this change. The minutes printed in the *Newsletter* state they are printed prior to approval.

Carla asked about training the new Clerk-Treasurer on the Keystone program. Carla made the motion to send the new Clerk-Treasurer to school and pay for any expense involved. Ed Krouse asked about the Town purchasing this instead of a contract. Carla said by signing the contract with Keystone, we get the updates.

Estelle Albright asked about Debra getting training between now and January 1. Carla stated she will be going to Thorntown. Jim Frazel stated there are training programs for newly elected officers. Estelle asked if Debra could come in to get the lay of the land. Carla said this will be better.

Mike asked John Allen about 14-gauge wire. John said some builders use 14-gauge; it is up to Boone County. They have 103 houses in progress. This is our one-year anniversary. There are 55 families living in homes in Walker Farms. John spoke to Cinergy about the light pole in the turning lane to Walker Farms. Cinergy said Crossmann has been billed to move this, and Cinergy will move it when Crossmann/Beazer pays this bill. Carla asked if there is an ordinance against this. She will call about this matter.

## Marshal

Dan Boutwell gave the police report this month; Ralph is home sick.

Traffic Data: 20 UTTs, 10 Warnings, 1 Towed; 2 10-50's, 1 DWL  
Arrests: 4 Adults, 1 Misd., 0 Felonies, 3 Warrants, 6 Domestic  
Runs/Calls: 6 Incidents, 2\_Emergency, 12\_Assists, 3\_Alarms  
Man Hours: 1 Patrol Reserve Court Hours, 1 Bailiff, 8 Training  
Vehicle Stats: 1 8-hour shift, Mileage 190

Dan stated they are selling the old police car to the town of Ammo with all of the equipment included.



Kathy Graham gave the Water report: One new MMR, no outstanding MMR's; all of the meters were read last month.

Carla asked about Vault well number four. Jim Frazel said we should have gotten a letter. The punch list has been completed. Carla asked about the tower they paint stained. Tom is working on the paint being fixed at the lift station. Carla asked if Troy is getting along okay. Darin said he is here five days a week. Carla said Chris Herrick will come back to help us with consulting in the future.

Whitestown Board of Zoning Update: Estelle Albright

Estelle stated they approved a variance, the distance from the street so he can put in a modular home for Mike Prescott. They granted a variance due to the direction of drainage and the lay of the land, there being no other way to put it in the lot. No one objected at the BZA meeting.

Shrack Daddy's pizza is up and running. They appear to be doing well on the parking limitations set by the BZA and as recommended by Ralph. Estelle added they did a nice job on the remodel.

Mike McQueen stated the Parks Board and the Zoning Board have done a great job.

Ed Krouse asked about the house on Uitts; no one lives there. Mike suggested he write a letter to the Town so we will have written complaints.

Kathy spoke about Darin taking vacation pay in lieu of vacation time. He will be paid January 1, 2004.

Darin asked about attending an ozone class for \$30. Carla made the motion to send Darin to the ozone class. Mike seconded the motion; unanimous vote ensued.

Darin submitted a bid for aluminum and electrical work for \$11,030. Mike made the motion to get the aluminum and electric for \$11,030. Carla seconded the motion; unanimous vote ensued.

Mike made the motion to adjourn the November Town Council Meeting. Carla seconded the motion; unanimous vote ensued.



*Next month's Town Council meeting  
will be held on  
Monday, January 13, 2003  
7:30 p.m. at Town Hall*

*"A Father's Love"*

*Children's Christmas Program*

*Directed by*

*Cindy Paul of Whitestown*

*Sunday, December 21, 2002*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Everyone is welcome!*

*Assembly of God Church*

*519 S. Main St., Kirklín*



*Candlelight  
Service*

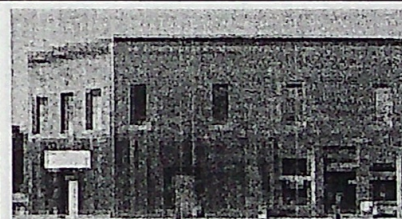
*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, December 24, 2003*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*



**FOR SALE**

**8 S. MAIN STREET**

8000 sq-ft building with two apartments, a large banquet room, commercial kitchen, and 0.5 acres. Please contact Steve Hartman of Carpenter-

GMAC in Brownsburg at 317-852-4091 or 317-852-7710 for information. Showings by appointment only.

**SALE PENDING**



## Correct Preparation Advised to Claim Child and Dependent Care Credit

*Submitted by Paula Northam, EA, President  
Village Accounting and Tax Preparation, Inc.*

The new child care provider you hired is working out well, you think to yourself after dropping off your newborn baby at the provider's home. While difficult to return to work, you are adjusting and all is well in your world . . . until you remember that you again forgot to ask the provider for her social security number so you can claim the Child and Dependent Care Credit on your taxes. A quick phone call before you forget again is in order. You hum while dialing, proud of yourself for finding such a gem to watch your child and now remembering to ask for her social security number.

The phone rings and when she answers you can hear children happily playing in the background. Fully expecting a cheerful answer, you ask the question. With pen poised above the paper, you can't believe your ears. She does not want to provide her social security number. Now what? You have already set up a pretax savings plan (Dependent Care Benefits Plan) with your employer. What will come of that? In a befuddled state, you disengage from the phone call with your mind reeling. Why didn't you remember to ask for the number before contracting for her services?

Don't worry or jump to conclusions, but do follow the correct procedures so that when tax time rolls around you're covered. Above all else, remember that the provider is watching your child and strive to maintain a friendly, trusting relationship while also respecting his or her wishes. Be sure to keep the provider informed of what you're doing in this regard, and why.

As a taxpayer, you are responsible to exercise due diligence to obtain the provider's social security number, including supplying him or her with a Form W-10, *Dependent Care Provider's Identification and Certification*. Sending it certified mail establishes a paper trail (proof for the IRS) to show that you sent the form. It may help you avoid a \$50 penalty for disregarding this action. When it comes time to fill out your taxes, complete a Form 2441, *Child and Dependent Care Credit*, based on the information you know. In the space for the child care provider's social security number, you should write "See page two." At the bottom of page two, write that the provider refused to divulge the requested information. A consultation with a tax professional can ensure that you have taken care of all you need to for tax reporting.

## New Mileage Rates Announced for Tax Reporting

*Submitted by Paula Northam, EA, President  
Village Accounting and Tax Preparation, Inc.*

Taxpayers who claim mileage deductions on their income tax forms, will be interested to know that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has increased standard mileage rates.

Beginning January 1, 2004, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups, or panel trucks) will be:

- 37.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven, up from 36 cents a mile in 2003;
- 14 cents a mile when computing deductible medical or moving expenses, up from 12 cents a mile in 2003; and
- 14 cents a mile when giving services to a charitable organization.

IRS Revenue Procedure 2003-76 contains the optional standard mileage rates for 2004 for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. It also revises the limitation on simultaneous use of multiple vehicles to allow taxpayers using not more than four vehicles at the same time for business purposes to use the standard mileage rate.

When figuring your taxes, selecting the right tax professional will save you time, headaches, and oftentimes money.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January:

- 3- Volunteers can come out every Sat. from 1:00-5:00 until April
- 10 - Volunteer Pizza party 1-3:00 pm
- 22-Board meeting @ 6:30 at the Hussy Mayfield Library

### February:

- 26-Board meeting @ 6:30 Hussy Mayfield Library
- 28-Snowball 5K run/walk  
(see flyer on web site: [bccn.boone.in.us/dove/](http://bccn.boone.in.us/dove/))

April 2-4: Hoosier Horse Fair

May: Classes begin

June 5: Morning Dove's Carnival

July 18: Golf outing at Golf Club of Indiana

## ON SALE NOW

Morning Dove 2004 Calendars - \$15.00

Large Horse Coloring Books - \$8.50

All proceeds to benefit Morning Dove.  
Please call the office at 769-6453!



**BOONE COUNTY CANCER SOCIETY**  
210 E. MAIN ST. #100  
LEBANON, IN 46052  
(765) 482-4023

**TERESA EDWARDS, PRESIDENT**  
**JAYN ALLEN, SERVICE DIRECTOR**

## Lebanon Middle School

1800 North Grant, Lebanon  
(765) 482-3400

Student Day: 7:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.



## LMS Swim Team Callout

Monday, January 5, 2004

If you are interested in being on the swim team,  
please plan to attend this meeting!

First practice: Tuesday, January 6, 5:30-7:15

## LMS Dance

Friday,  
January 9

3:00-4:30



## 7th Grade World's Fair

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

For more information, please visit  
<http://mail.leb.k12.in.us/lms>  
(click on Students, Teacher Websites,  
World's Fair)



## LCSC 2003-04 Calendar

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	Winter Vacation
January 5	School Resumes (Start of 2nd Semester)
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — No School
January 23	Staff Development Day — Early Dismissal
February 16	Presidents Day — No School
February 20	Staff Development Day — Early Dismissal
March 19	Staff Development Day — Early Dismissal
March 26	Snow Makeup Day
April 1-2	Parent Conferences — Early Dismissal
April 5-9	Spring Vacation
April 30	Snow Makeup Day
May 7	Snow Makeup Day
May 27	Last Day of School
May 28	LHS Graduation



## Perry-Worth Elementary School

3900 East 300 South, Lebanon

(317) 769-3286

Student Day: 8:50 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

### Perry-Worth Takes First Place in Regional Spell Bowl

Under the expert coaching of Ms. Brown and Mrs. Nesbitt, our Spell Bowl team won first place in their division! Congratulations to the following Perry-Worth Hawks: Mackenzie Baker, Angela Becker, Emily Behrens, Emma Brattain, Julie Carrell, Marcee Dicks, Stephanie Hackett, Sean Hahnen, Kalyn Harker, Kendra Minglin, Colin Potter, Jennifer Shoop, Krista Watts, and Shane Woodard.



## CHILDERS CHAT

by Susan Childers, Principal  
Perry-Worth Elementary School

Winter is upon us! Please remember to note what your child is wearing to school each day and be sure he/she will be warm enough to enjoy outdoor recess. Unless the temperature and wind chill dip below ten degrees, we will try to get students out into the fresh air for a short time each day. Be sure that they have pants to pull on under skirts and dresses and of course a hat and gloves are a necessity!

It is important to write your child's name in each article of outer wear. Items can be returned when we know where they belong. (Stop by our "lost and found" box in the lobby if you are missing any of these items at home. We seem to have large supply of unclaimed jackets just now.)

If a doctor has stated that your child needs to stay inside, we must have a written note from the doctor stating the reason. There may be days when inside recesses are the norm. Some days the gym is available for indoor activities; but there are times when classes are being held there. If you have any gently used board games or puzzles you would like to contribute to your child's classroom, I am sure they would be appreciated. We try to make the best use of our inside time.

### WHEN SHOULD RECESS MOVE INSIDE?

My name is Mike Hancock and the following editorial concerns my opinion of the current Lebanon Community School Corporation's elementary policy regarding winter recess.

My daughter recently came home from Perry-Worth elementary school and complained about how her class had been made to go outside on a day when the temperature was in the low 30's, the wind was fairly strong and there were snow flurries throughout the day. My daughter had been sick prior to that day and has since gotten sicker. My daughter relayed that she was so cold that her legs hurt and were starting to go numb, but she was not allowed to return to the warmth of the school building until the completion of her scheduled recess period. She stated that several of her classmates also complained of the frigid weather. I was naturally upset by what my daughter had told me and the way she had, allegedly, been forced to endure the cold weather against her wishes.

I took the logical step and penned a letter to Mrs. Childers, Principal at Perry Worth, about my concerns and dissatisfaction with the situation. I received a reply from Mrs. Childers stating that it was the policy of LCSC that the children were expected to participate in outdoor recess periods until the temperature fell below 10 degrees (wind chill considered). The reply from Mrs. Childers also stated that "Many pediatricians tell us that fresh air is very important for children." A medical excuse from a physician would be the only reason for a child to remain indoors on cold days. I was given a suggestion that I should dress my daughter more appropriately for the cold weather, but I have a problem with dressing her so warmly to participate in recess that she sits in the classroom the rest of the day and is uncomfortably hot.

I found the following excerpt on the Indiana Dept of Educations' website: ([http://ideanet.doe.state.in.us/sservices/sn\\_memo01.html](http://ideanet.doe.state.in.us/sservices/sn_memo01.html))

"School systems must be flexible in making decisions about the extent of childhood exposure to low temperatures. Although ideally children can wear enough clothing to provide adequate protection from very cold temperatures and wind-chill factors, students frequently do not take care to dress warmly enough to provide adequate protection". "Because of this unreliability of childhood behavior, school systems must take extra caution and lean toward the side of safety for all children (poorly dressed or otherwise) in cold weather situations. There is not inherent value to having children go outdoors for school activities or recess in cold weather, thus indoor activities are a preferable substitute."

Why is it that the Indiana Dept of Education sees no inherent value in sending our children outdoors in the winter but our local school system sees fit to send them outside when the temperatures fall as low as 10 degrees. A statement made by a school board member was passed on to me which verified that I was not the only parent to complain about cold weather recess. Have any of your children complained about being forced to go outdoors and remain outdoors on cold days? I would love to hear from any other concerned parents and hopefully enact changes to the current cold weather policy in our elementary schools. Please feel free to call or E-mail me with your opinion on the matter.

Mike Hancock, (317) 769-7360, Spike50gt@yahoo.com





# Christmas Yarn Bag

by Toby McDaniel

Kids say the darnedest things, as Art Linkletter always said. And they also write the darnedest things, particularly when corresponding with Santa Claus.

I've shared -- with Santa's permission, of course -- many of those dead-serious wish letters with readers of my column in *The State Journal-Register*, Springfield, Illinois, over the years, these included:

Dear Santa: I am four years old. I have been very good this year. I always help my mom at the grocery store. I don't leave the toilet lid up, but my dad does. Love, Zachary

Dear Santa: Hi! How are you doing? Please stay warm so you don't catch the flu. It's going around, you know. I naturally want everything and anything in my reach. Love and Hugs, Kimberleigh

P.S. Sorry about the incident at the mall. I just freaked out. I really do love you!

Dear Santa: Have you ever wanted something so badly one minute and not as badly the next? Well, that is how it is with me about wanting a puppy for Christmas. I'm almost positive that the (other) dogs would adjust. I'm not sure how long it would take. I know you're thinking all puppies grow into dogs. I know that. It's just that I think one more dog would make it click. Please don't bring a herding or hunting dog. I read they go nuts if they can't herd or hunt. Your Friend, Lydia

Dear Santa: I've been a good boy most of the year. I started kindergarten this year. I really enjoy it. I've got several girlfriends already. Love, Always, Jesse

Dear Santa: I would like to know if reindeer have exhaust pipes? Do you have special carrots to make your reindeer fly and, if so, what do you put on the carrots? Please bring me your recipe. Nathan

Dear Santa: I want a bow and arrow. (Unsigned)

P.S. If you are real, please send this note back to me. Circle yes if you're real. Circle no if you're not real. If you are real, tell me how old I am.

Dear Santa: How are you? This year I'd like an Odyssey with hockey, handball and tennis. Also a record, my stocking filled and any other crazy things you and your elves can stir up with your magical brains. I know I've been a little bad. But so has everyone else. Love, David

Then, there are those tough questions about Santa that parents get. Like this one:

Five-year-old twins Mike and Dan O'Keefe were being tucked in one winter night.

"Can I ask you a question?" Dan asked his mother, Mary.

"Sure. What's the question?"

"Where does Santa Claus live?"

"At the North Pole," she replied.

"Well," Dan declared, "that's what I've been telling all the other kids. But they say he lives at the mall."

And then there was pest control engineer (bug man) Mark Netznik who worked the Springfield area. When Christmas neared, he serenaded people wherever he goes with his original Yule parodies including "Silent Bug, Dead Bug" and "Rudolph," which went like this:

*Rudolph the red-nosed rodent,  
And his little mousey friends.  
Once they get in my poison,  
You know they're gonna get the bends.  
Out they all come one evening,  
And got into my rodent cakes.  
And let me tell you, kiddies,  
They all got bad bellyaches.*

Netznik said of his creepy serenades: "It loosens people up and takes the edge off my job."



## *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*

Submitted by Toby McDaniel

[The following is *The New York Sun* editor's classic reply to a little girl's letter to the newspaper in 1897.]

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

*I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?*

*Virginia O'Hanlon*

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance

to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

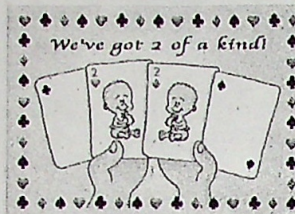
No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!





# Congratulations!



Michael Gramlin and Alicia Ashley of Lebanon announce the birth of their twin daughters, Jazlyn Bailey and Taylor Jo, born November 18, 2003. Jazlyn weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces, and Taylor weighed 5 pounds 8 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Sandy Ashley of Lebanon. Maternal

great-grandparents are John and Grace Ward of Frankfort and Bobbie and Myrt Ashley of Lebanon. Paternal grandparents are Rita Gramlin of Lebanon and Don Gramlin of Whitestown. Paternal great-grandparents are Bedford and Lois Gramlin of Whitestown, and Bill and Judy Williams of Seabring, Florida.

Bedford B. and Lois (Dunn) Gramlin of Whitestown recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at New Hope Christian Church. The couple married on November 21, 1953, and moved to Whitestown in 1962. They have five children: Rick Gramlin, Judy McHargue, Dave Gramlin, Don Gramlin, and Terry Loscomb. They also have 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



Wilfred "Will" and Betty (Tipton) Ufkes of Hartford City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2003. They are former members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Whitestown. They have four children: Elizabeth McCormack of Whitestown, Dan Ufkes, Edward Ufkes, and Rebecca Leuth. They have four grandchildren.

Joshua Drake has been named overall champion in the NCAA Sports Photography Contest for his black-and-white photograph of his brother, Luke, shooting basketball in the loft of the family's barn in Whitestown. Joshua, a senior photojournalism major at the University of Montana, took the photograph while visiting his father, Tom Drake, and stepmother, Carol Sparks-Drake, last May. Joshua's photograph, entitled "Hoosiers," will be on display at the NCAA Hall of Champions in Indianapolis through January 20.



Jerry and Cathy Ottinger of Whitestown announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ottinger, to Casey Brunkhart. He is the son of Craig and Cheryl Brunkhart of Pittsboro.



The bride-elect graduated from Lebanon High School in 1998 and Indiana State University in 2002. She works as a consumer sciences teacher at East Central High School in St. Leon, where she also coaches volleyball and serves as an assistant softball coach.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Brownsburg High School in 1999. He attended Indiana State University and works as a sales associate for JD Byrider in Cincinnati.

The couple is planning to wed in the summer of 2004.

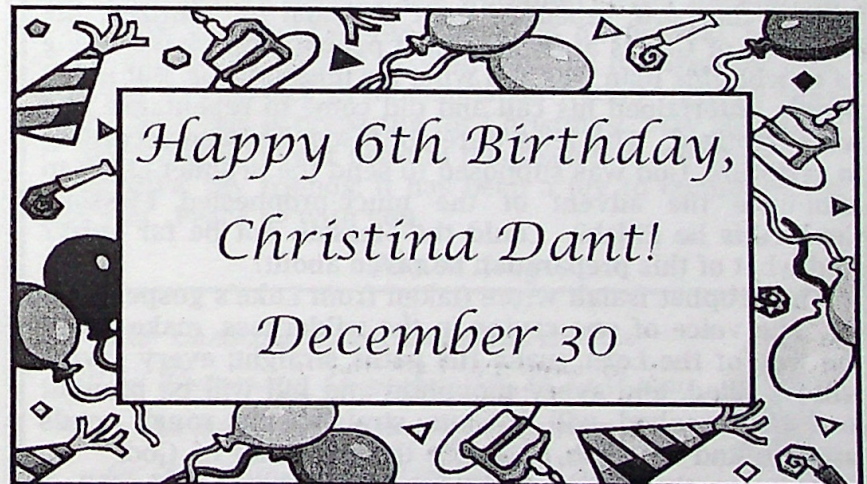


Jessica Diane Limp and Jeremy Wayne Lollar, both of Lebanon, were married on September 20, 2003, in Whitestown. David Bourne officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Diana Limp and the late David Limp. She graduated from Lebanon High School and Franklin College and currently works as a first-grade teacher in Perry Township.

The groom is the son of Tim and Debbie Lollar of Lebanon. He graduated from Lebanon High School, currently attends IUPUI, and works at Garfield's Restaurant in Lebanon.

The couple took a cruise to the Bahamas for their honeymoon.





## St. Mark's Lutheran Church

107 S. Main St., Whitestown  
(317) 769-6550

Worship Hour @ 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Classes with a  
Contemporary Focus for All Ages!



### *Submitted by Pastor Greg Higbee*

Are you ready for Christmas? Are you prepared for the season? When these questions are asked to people who hold each a different one of the seven world views, you will usually hear, "Oh, I haven't even begun to shop," or, "My house is in a mess, and I need to thoroughly clean it before my family and my husband's all get here."

The renowned orator for the Christmas season was what some people viewed as a raving lunatic. He roamed through the burning sands and hillsides in the Judean wilderness, surviving on honey and locusts. He was what some thought to be a last chance Old Testament prophet, but in reality he was the first preacher of the good news, or Gospel.

John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zacharias, Elizabeth being the cousin of another "prophet" who was to be born in Bethlehem. This last-chance prophet was quite a bit different than that of the preceding Old Testament prophets. As people would flock from miles around at the hearing of his presence, John would preach, "Prepare the way of the Lord, repent of your sins and be baptized; the kingdom of God is at hand." Most people didn't have a clue as to who this man was and what his mission was, but many people entertained his call and did come to repentance and were baptized. The Jews were confused, because according to scripture, God was supposed to send the prophet Elijah to announce the advent of the much-prophesied Messiah. Could this be Elijah? Could the Messiah not be far away? And what of this preparation he raved about?

The prophet Isaiah wrote (taken from Luke's gospel 3:4b-6), "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; every ravine will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be brought low, the crooked will become straight, the rough roads smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." To paraphrase, the land shall be leveled; valleys will be filled,

and mountains shall be broken down to where they are level with the valleys; and all roads will be smoothed out. Everything will be "even Steven." This was common and quite customary in Old Testament times, that all roads were smoothed out in preparation for a royal visit. A king must have been coming.

The preparation that John emphasized was a preparation of self. A repentance of their sins, and then to be forgiven; and a baptism that would ceremonially clean the repentant sinner both physically and spiritually. It would be sufficient for now, but there was another who was to come that would baptize not with the water from the Jordan, but with fire.

Advent is a time of preparation; a time of making ready. It does not pertain to the shopping for gifts, but it does pertain to the "cleaning of one's house." House referring to not the roof, walls, furniture and appliances that sit upon the foundation; but to the cleansing of the heart, the soul and mind.

Are you prepared? Have the rough roads been smoothed out in your life, or is your life still pretty bumpy? Those mountains that you have to climb every day, be it from work, from family, from depression, or from alcohol and other drugs, have they been leveled to where climbing them is no longer necessary? If they haven't, you need to prepare, you need to get ready, "For the kingdom of God is at hand." You may meet this king who is coming in the next five minutes, the next five days, or the next five years; will you be prepared? Do as those who didn't even understand what John the Baptist was preaching about, and just go ahead and do it. Repent of your sins, be forgiven by God, and then be cleansed in the baptismal waters with the Holy Spirit. Now this is preparing for Christmas! May His peace be welcomed into your heart in this season of blessings.

Goodbye, my friends; it has been a joy to communicate with you. Peace be with you,

*Pastor Greg*

*Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
will be Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.  
Make this night a time in preparing your heart  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*







**SAMANTHA A. BRUSH** of Whitestown passed away on December 6, 2003. Born August 16, 1982, she was the daughter of Antoinette Lisa "Toni" (Ferch) Veach of Whitestown and Donald E. Brush of Lebanon. She was engaged to be married to Johnathan Kivett of Lebanon. Additional survivors include stepfather Ronnie Dover of Lebanon, sisters Holly Woolery and Jeri-Lee Veach, both of Whitestown, half-sisters Patricia Brush and Kathy Brush, and half-brother Daniel Brush. She was preceded in death by grandmother Naomi Ferch of Whitestown. Burial was at Browns Wonder Cemetery near Lebanon. Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana University Medical Center Dialysis Unit, 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis 46202.

**THOMAS R. EMRICK** of Whitestown passed away on December 1, 2003. He and his wife, Mary (Wagoner) Emrick, had resided in the Whitestown community since 1969. He was a member of the Whitestown United Methodist Church. In addition to his wife, survivors include son Timothy Emrick, daughter Carol Emmert, brothers Harold, Charles, Robert, and David Emrick, sister Elizabeth Brodie, and two granddaughters. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Whitestown United Methodist Church, 206 S. Main St., Whitestown, or to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis 46202.

**CHARLES V. KOUNS** of Whitestown passed away on November 25, 2003. He was the widower of Mardelle L. Laughner, who passed away March 21, 2003. He was a 1933 graduate of Whitestown High School and part-owner of Essex and Kouns Elevator in Whitestown. He was the first Judge in Whitestown in 1962. Memberships included St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Whitestown, 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Whitestown, Whitestown Lions Club, and Mts. Runn Cemetery Board of Directors. Survivors include daughter Patti Anderson of Whitestown, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Burial was at Mts. Runn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the Whitestown Lions Club.

**STEVEN F. MARSHALL** passed away on November 17, 2003. He was raised in the Whitestown area and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1968. Survivors include parents Henry F. and Marilyn Jones, sons Clint, Chris and Casey Jones, daughters Jessica, Jeanie and Andrea Jones, brothers Mike and Mark Jones, sister Debbie Moore, grandmother Eva McCoy, and three grandchildren.

**ALYSSE MAE (COURTOT) MARSHALL** passed away on December 10, 2003. She was the widow of Richard James Marshall, who passed away on December 11, 1992. Lived most of her life in Boone and Hendricks Counties. Survivors include sons Jeffrey S. Marshall of Whitestown, James R. Marshall and Jack W. Marshall, daughters Joyce Haymaker and Janyse Gates, 12 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren. Burial was at Hopewell Cemetery in Boone County. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 931 E. 86th St., Suite 208, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

**FRANCES I. PERKINS** passed away on December 11, 2003. She graduated in 1925 from Whitestown High School. She was the widow of Charles E. Perkins. She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews. Burial was at Eagle Creek Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Building Fund.

**MARY LEE TUDERS** passed away on December 13, 2003. Burial was at Lincoln Memory Gardens.

**BETTY JEAN VOGT** of Whitestown passed away on December 5, 2003. She was a graduate of the St. Vincent Nursing School and worked for many years as a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital and Winona Memorial Hospital. She also served as Director of Nursing at Winona. Survivors include brothers Paul and Dick Vogt, cousin Joyce Bittner of Whitestown, and many nieces and nephews. Interment was at Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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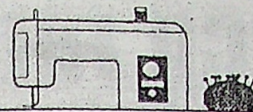
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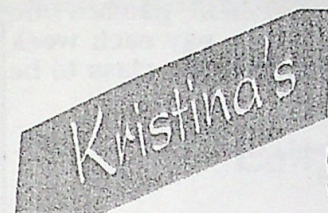
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# TOBACCO FREE BOONE COUNTY

Tobacco Cessation Programs for 2004

## Adult Cessation

- January 8,15, 22,29
- March 4,11,18,25
- May 6,13,20,27
- August 5,12,19,26
- October, 7,14,21,28

All adult cessation classes meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Boone County Office Building. Nicotine replacement patches are available, while supplies last, for a \$10.00 co pay each week for up to 6 weeks. Participants must attend every class to be eligible for the discounted patches.

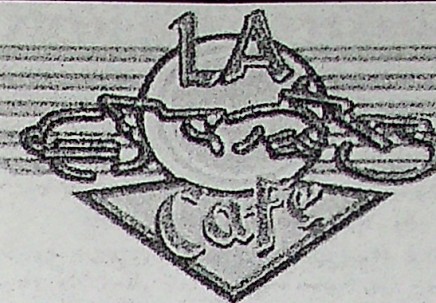
## Tobacco Education Group (TEG)

- January 8,15,22,29
- March 4,11,18,25
- May 6,13,20,27
- July 8, 15,22,29
- September 2,9,16,23

This program is for teen tobacco users and is not a cessation program. TEG is a more in depth education that reviews the marketing practices of big tobacco, the ingredients found in tobacco, financial aspect of long term tobacco use, long and short term health effects of tobacco use and the social norms of using tobacco products. Youth are educated to take the next step to seek permanent tobacco cessation. Youth may be referred through court diversion, school disciplinary measures for tobacco use, parent and self-referral. Program is free of charge to Boone County residents. Classes meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Boone County Office Building.

To learn more about these programs or to sign up please call Tobacco Free Boone County and the Boone County Health Department, 765-482-3942 ext. 3.

These programs are made possible by funding or support from the following: Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, Boone County Cancer Society, Boone County Health Department, Witham Health Services, and Cowan's Pharmacy.



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- Mark Hancock (Whitestown Lions Club)
- David Carlson (Worth Township Fire Department)
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Special thanks goes to my mother, Julie Jump, for countless hours spent proofreading, folding, stapling, and distributing the *Newsletter*.

Good luck to the new editor, Angela Walker, and her staff!

*Becky Warner*

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