



Left to right: Paul Zurcher, Marilyn Muselman, Roger Muselman and Karen (Muselman) Thomas take part in the groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction of the Arthur and Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion at Swiss Village on Friday. [Photo by Linda Quinlan]

Swiss Village breaks ground for Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion

By Amy Orr

A small crowd gathered on the North Campus of Swiss Village at noon on Friday for the official groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction of the Arthur and Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion. Kent Liechty, who currently serves as president of Swiss Village's board of directors, opened the ceremony, affirming, "This is an exciting day for Swiss Village, not only for the residents here, but for the entire community, as well."

Mayor John Minch addressed the crowd briefly, focusing many of his comments on the Muselmans' many contributions to the Berne community. "During their lifetime," he stated, "Art and Gloria were known as great humanitarians. They also had the ability to inspire like-minded people." Minch added that the

wellness pavilion had been made possible through "the generosity of this highly-respected couple," as well as the benevolence of other donors.

Minch also indicated, "This wellness pavilion will encourage economic development in our community in the form of jobs. It will also be an attractive incentive for people looking at moving to or working in Berne."

Accompanied by a number of other family members, the Muselmans' son Roger and daughter Karen (Thomas) were on hand, as well, to comment on the momentous occasion. Roger remarked, "Swiss Village is one of the most significant assets to our community. The addition of the wellness center will only confirm this is one of the top retirement

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This picture of the Geneva Nazarene Church was taken by Jamie Falter before a new church was built on the site a few years ago. The old church, which had stood on three church sites, once served as the Ceylon Methodist Church.

Distant ringing of Ceylon church bell brings lifelong memories to Bailey

By Jim Langham

It's been close to 80 years since Swiss Village resident, Frances Bailey, worshiped in the old Ceylon Methodist Church, but the memories of revivals, Daily Vacation Bible School, and baptisms in the congregation still bring great spiritual joy to her heart.

During her teenage years, Bailey, along with Dorothy and Jeanette Sprunger, served as pianists in the church.

"I had just taken a few lessons. I wasn't as good as they were, but I played a lot. After all, we were doing

it for the Lord, not to draw attention to ourselves," recalled Bailey.

Bailey said that other members attending the church at the time included many Ceylon residents and families that came from out in the country such as the Long family, Nathan Sprunger family, and Dick Stahl family.

The minister, Rev. Ezra Glendening, was revered as one of the outstanding preachers in the southern part of the county at the time, and often led revival services in other churches in the area.

According to Bailey, the church

was located just behind the Ceylon school on the Bailey farm. She recalls the church sitting at an angle and facing slightly to the east. One of the most sad days in the church's history occurred on Easter Sunday, 1923, when the church caught on fire and burnt.

"I don't know if they ever did know how that fire got started," said Bailey.

However, waiting in the wings, just two miles to the east of Ceylon, was another church building. The old North Point Church, which had declined considerably in attendance, was secured and moved to Ceylon.

"That was quite a project," noted southern Adams County historian Fred Davidson.

Davidson said that it was obvious that those moving the church couldn't get it through the covered bridge.

"As I understand it, they brought it to the (Wabash) river, floated it across the river, and then brought it over the fields into Ceylon," observed Davidson. "However it got there, it was quite an undertaking and showed the commitment of the people in wanting to continue their church services there in Ceylon."

Another common act of commitment in those days, Bailey noted, was the way members would often walk two or three miles to church services. She noted that it wasn't unusual for church members to walk to churches holding revival services for weeks at a time and seldom miss a service.

"Lots of people walked to church back then," said Bailey. "That wasn't that unusual. And the weather didn't always stop them. They would go whether the weather was nice or not."

The Adams County History Book of 1979 said that church members in the area would often walk to

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Project Share to benefit from letter carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

By Amy Orr

On May 10th, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its sixteenth-annual food drive known as Stamp Out Hunger. According to a statement from NALC, Stamp Out Hunger is the "largest one-day food drive in the nation, having delivered over 70 million pounds of food to community food banks, pantries and shelters in each of the past four years."

According to NALC, the food drive is traditionally held on the second Saturday in May, "since food bank donations tend to wane after the winter holidays." Collections are sorely needed this time of year, says NALC, because "the hunger problem is usually at its most critical during the summer when school breakfast and lunch programs—often the only source of stable nutrition for millions of children—are suspended."

Campbell Soup Company is one of the biggest supporters of the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. In fact, Campbell's will print approximately 124 million postcards, which post offices will distribute a few days before the drive, in order to remind the public of the upcoming collection.

NALC indicates, "The challenge this year is especially daunting. All signs point to a deepening recession, and with gasoline prices flirting with \$4 a gallon, more and more families—including those of carriers—are looking everywhere for ways to save money."

One post office in southern Adams County is planning to



participate in the national food drive for the very first time. Vicki Myers, an employee at the Berne Post Office, says, "I have talked to other post office branches who have done the food drive, and they say they always have a great turnout. We really want to make this a success here in Berne."

Berne residents wishing to participate in the food drive will be instructed by the Campbell's postcards to leave bags of nonperishable foods next to their mail boxes on Saturday, May 10. The local post office plans to distribute bags to local residents ahead of time, as well. Myers adds, "We will have volunteers and helpers to go around and pick up the food. Some of us may bring our kids in to help, and those of us who would normally be off that day may come in to help out, too."

After the Stamp Out Hunger collection day, the Berne Post Office will transport the donated items to the Project Share Food Bank, where it will be distributed to local families

in need. According to Becky Smuts, director of Project Share, the food bank has a very specific list of items needed, including the following:

- Cereal - packaged cereal and instant oatmeal.
- Dry Goods - packaged instant potatoes, Jiffy Mix, pancake mix, and Rice-a-Roni side dishes.
- Fruit - canned fruit, especially peaches, pears and pineapple, and applesauce.
- Vegetables - canned vegetables, especially corn, green beans, kidney beans, and peas.
- Tomato Items - canned diced or stewed tomatoes, tomato juice and ketchup.
- Pasta Items - Chef Boyardee selections, packaged egg noodles or elbow macaroni, instant macaroni and cheese dinners, Ramen noodles, packaged spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.
- Soups - canned soup, including chicken broth, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, chicken noodle, tomato and vegetable beef.
- Miscellaneous - boxed crackers, Jello mix, peanut butter, jelly, canned pork and beans, pancake syrup, and sloppy joe sauce.
- Staples - packaged salt, sugar and vegetable oil.
- Household Good - bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, laundry soap and dishwashing soap.

For more information about items that Project Share may be in need of, contact Becky Smuts at 589-8500. Questions about the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive should be directed to the Berne Post office at 589-2159.

Berne police unite with "Test My Teen.com"

Unfortunately, "friends" often try harder to make kids who say "no" to drugs, alcohol and tobacco feel like outcasts. Home testing kits have emerged that protect privacy and provide kids with a socially acceptable excuse, "my parents test me."

"For years, police have been the first to know when local kids used drugs while their parents were often the last to know. "We found a way to work together and can turn that around," says Berne Police Chief Richard Crider. Chief Crider recently announced a new alliance with www.TestMyTeen.com, an organization that has donated over \$5,000 worth of free home drug test kit vouchers to be shared anonymously with parents who need them.

Employers use testing to rid the workplace of substance abuse. Schools, police, community leaders and parents can now work together to ensure safer schools and homes. Kids can use it to prove their trustworthiness to their parents and dissolve unwanted pressure from peers.

Private and confidential vouchers for free test kits are available electronically by visiting www.bernepd.org. Answers to frequently asked questions about home-based substance abuse testing are available at www.TestMyTeen.com.

Bill Clinton to visit Decatur

Former President Bill Clinton will visit Indiana Monday on behalf of the campaign of his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Clinton will make a campaign stop in Decatur Monday evening at 7:30. The stop is a "Solutions for America" event and will take place at Belmont Middle School. Calls from Clinton campaign headquarters in Indianapolis urged interested voters to arrive about an hour before hand.

Clinton will also make stops in Corydon and Indianapolis earlier Monday. The Decatur stop is the last on his agenda.



FRIGID FANS - Greta Lehman and a handful of faithful South Adams softball fans braved the cool and wet weather Saturday to see the Starfires sweep a doubleheader with Norwell. To show their appreciation the South Adams girls, now 5-0, ended both games early via the ten-run rule. [Photo by Clint Anderson]

DR. JAMES DOBSON

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



Hyperactive children can be managed through consistency.

Question: It's no secret that hyperactive children are difficult to handle at times. How, then, is such a child to be managed?

Dr. Dobson: Let me share a list of 18 suggestions that were provided in a book by Dr. Domeena Renshaw entitled "The Hyperactive Child." Though her book is now out of print, Dr. Renshaw's advice on this problem is still valid.

1. Be consistent in rules and disciplines.

2. Keep your own voice quiet and slow. Anger is normal. Anger can be controlled. Anger does not mean you do not love a child.

3. Try hard to keep your emotions cool by bracing for expectable turmoil. Recognize and respond to any positive behavior, however small. If you search for good things, you will find a few.

4. Avoid a ceaselessly negative approach: "Stop" -- "Don't" -- "No."

5. Separate behavior which you may not like, from the child's person, which you like, e.g., "I like you. I don't like your tracking mud through the house."

6. Have a very clear routine for this child. Construct a timetable for waking, eating, play, TV, study, chores, and bedtime. Follow it flexibly although he disrupts it. Slowly your structure will reassure him until he develops his own.

7. Demonstrate new or difficult tasks, using action accompanied by short, clear, quiet explanations. Repeat the demonstration until learned. This uses audiovisual-sensory perceptions to reinforce the learning. The memory traces of a hyperactive child take longer to form. Be patient and repeat.

8. Designate a separate room or a part of a room which is his own special area. Avoid brilliant colors or complex patterns in decor. Simplicity, solid colors, minimal clutter, and a worktable facing a blank wall away from distractions assist concentration. A hyperactive child cannot "filter" out over-stimulation himself yet.

9. Do one thing at a time: give him one toy from a closed box; clear the table of everything else when coloring; turn off the radio/TV when he is doing homework. Multiple stimuli prevent his concentration from focusing on his primary task.

10. Give him responsibility, which is essential for growth. The task should be within his capacity, although the assignment may need much supervision. Acceptance and recognition of his efforts (even when imperfect) should not be forgotten.

11. Read his pre-explosive warning signals. Quietly intervene to avoid explosions by distracting him or discussing the conflict calmly. Removal from the battle zone to the sanctuary of his room for a few minutes is useful.

12. Restrict playmates to one or at most two at one time, because he is so excitable. Your home is more suitable, so you can provide structure and supervision. Explain your rules to the playmate and briefly tell the other parent your reasons.

13. Do not pity, tease, be frightened by, or overindulge this child. He has a special condition of the nervous system which is manageable.

14. Know the name and dose of his medication. Give these regularly. Watch and remember the effects to report back to your physician.

15. Openly discuss any fears you have about the use of medications with your physician.

16. Lock up all medications, including these, to avoid accidental misuse.

17. Always supervise the taking of medication, even if it is routine over a long period of years. Responsibility remains with the parents! One day's supply at a time can be put in a regular place and checked routinely as he becomes older and more self-reliant.

18. Share your successful "helps" with his teacher. The outlined ways to help your hyperactive child are as important to him as diet and insulin are to a diabetic child.

Wellness pavilion

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communities. If [my parents] were here today, they would be so excited."

According to Thomas, the family's decision to add Art and Gloria's names to the wellness pavilion was "not an easy one." However, she observed, "What our family prays you will think of when you see their names is not so much the American dream, but the kingdom dream. We want to bring the love of God to those around us."

Daryl Martin, Executive Director of Swiss Village, closed the ceremony, giving special recognition to board members, as well as the contractors who will be supervising the construction. He concluded, "The purpose of this wellness center is to improve the quality of life experience of those who use the facility."

The completed center, measuring 21,200 square feet, will include an aquatic center, strength building fitness area, floor exercise space, and a game room with lounge facilities. Construction is expected to take approximately seven months, and upon completion of the wellness pavilion, memberships will be available to the public.



Roger Muselman and his wife Naomi (center), along with Roger's sister Karen (Muselman) Thomas and his sons, Mark and David (left) and his daughter, Sarah (right) assist in the groundbreaking for the Arthur and Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion on Friday. Construction is expected to take approximately seven months, and upon completion of the wellness pavilion, memberships will be available to the public. [Photo by Linda Quinlan]

Ceylon Church

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church when the mud roads were impassable to drive on. It also notes that during revivals held during the winter season, people would often drive to the meetings in bobsleds.

In the early 1940's, most residents of the small southern Adams County hamlet had moved on to larger churches in Berne or Geneva. Attendance at the small country church waned, but there was still another calling awaiting the grand old building that had come to town following the fire.

The Nazarene congregation in Geneva needed a house of worship, so, for the second time, the building was moved, this time to Geneva, where it served as a house of worship for the Geneva Nazarene congregation for nearly 60 years until it was replaced a few years ago.

Not only did the house of worship stand on three sites (North Point, Ceylon, and Geneva), its bell had occupied four different sites. Another church in the area, known as the Blue Creek Methodist Church (formerly the Dunkard Church) closed down and donated its bell to the North Point Church,



Frances Bailey, who celebrated her 98th birthday earlier this year, has lifelong memories of blessings she received at the Ceylon Methodist Church.

prior to its moving to Ceylon. That bell rang over hundreds of "church meetins" in the Adams County area.

Bailey noted that her most spiritually touching memory of the old church was the day that she was baptized.

"I was baptized by Rev. Glendening. When he brought me up out of the water, I saw an angel. I told him that I saw an angel and he told me that he had heard of

that lots of times when he baptized people," Bailey said.

"That is still one of the happiest memories of my life. We went to church those days because we believed in the Lord and He would see us through our problems. I learned back then that prayer would help us get through our problems. It still does. That was a wonderful heritage from those days," added Bailey.

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from Lisa Brister of Willshire, Ohio; \$1,745.90 plus court costs from Johnathon and Anita Bergman of Decatur; \$4,384.37 plus court costs from Dale and Janet Brown of Berne; \$3,532.75 plus court costs from Mark and Rachel Bauermeister of Fort Wayne; \$2,868.59 from Hershel Boothby of Decatur; \$568.08 from Jennifer Green of Bryant; \$151.76 plus court costs from Robin Griggs of Decatur; \$568.48 plus court costs from Jamie Haight of Berne and Charles D. Cole of Elkhart; \$419.07 plus court costs from Matthew and Becky Jauregui of Decatur; \$1,106.07 plus court costs from Bobby and Betsy Killen of Decatur; \$517.98 from Jay D. and Pamela A. Fink of Berne; \$838.19 from Chelsea Fuleki of Monroeville; \$482.15 from Heather M. Genth of Willshire, Ohio; \$532.04 from Beverly R. Gibson of Decatur; \$135.53 plus court costs from Amanda Fosnaugh of Decatur; \$516.87 plus court costs from Lisa Gregg of Berne; and \$1,012.60 plus court costs from Harold E. Cornett of Decatur.

Judgment decreed Chase Bank U.S.A. should receive \$20,189.47 plus interest and court costs from Denise Gephart of Decatur.

Judgment decreed Richard C. Girod of Decatur should receive \$3,518.39 from Ty and Cassie Neuenschwander of Decatur.

Civil Judgments—Wells County Superior Court

Judgment decreed First Merchants Bank should receive \$40,004.51 plus interest, court costs, legal fees, and a mortgage foreclosure from John W. and Cynthia L. Goodwin of Bluffton.

Judgment decreed Alpine Falls Inc. of Berne should receive \$525 from Kim Burk of Bluffton.

New Civil Cases—Wells County Superior Court

First Horizon Home Loans filed suit against Whitney C. Jeffrey of Bluffton and Kenneth A. Edwards of Craigville for \$155,176.91 plus interest, court costs, legal fees, and a mortgage foreclosure.

Jodi L. Fairchild of Decatur filed suit against Dr. Kevin D. Lind and Caylor-Nickel Clinic at Bluffton for compensatory damages, court costs, and other relief.

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