

I am Marilyn Banta-Lakaner. I have lived in this fantastic community all of my life, and I still live on the century-old Marsh family farm.

I have worked in the insurance industry for most of my adult life. I am an agent for American Family Insurance in Sullivan and have been serving my customers for more than 17 years

I have been married to John for more than 26 years, and together we have three healthy, wonderful children. John and I met in high school and we've built a wonderful life together. We raised our children to love the outdoors, enjoying a lot of fishing, camping and boating.

I've slowed down a lot in the past few years and have placed my focus on what is really important to me. As I get older, I find that the simpler things in life are appealing to me. While most other people want the bigger and better, I crave a simple, less cluttered and self-sufficient lifestyle. My favorite TV show of all time has to be Little House on the Prairie. Sometimes I wish I had lived right alongside Laura Ingalls-Wilder. I keep things until they break and I recycle nearly everything. My magazine subscriptions have changed from Woman's Day and Southern Living, to Hobby Farms, Mother Earth News and Backwoods Home.



My free time consists of gardening, canning, baking, bowling with my mother, daughter and sister, singing in the church choir, making goat milk soap, collecting wooden spoons and caring for my dairy cows and chickens.

My sisters call me Martha. It doesn't bother me, but it makes me proud that they notice.

I enjoy volunteering my time at the Meals of Love, filling backpacks for the Elementary School, the Alumni Association and leading a Sunday School Class. I am a member of the Aim High Extension Club and have enjoyed 4H with my daughter in the past.

I'm also a Presbyterian!

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