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WARRIOR OF THE MONTH — Vocational education secretary Marylee Clingamen, Wawasee principal Dr. Howard Hull and vocational education director Dick Wysong award Chris Koher with the honorary Warrior award. Koher is standing to Dr. Hull's right. (Photo by Gary Lewis)

## Variety available for shoppers who stay home

By GARY LEWIS

It's that time of year again. Time for the annual migration north as Christmas-conscious shoppers head for the big malls to do their Christmas giving.

Every year, thousands of shoppers crowd malls all over Indiana looking for that special, or not so special, gift for their loved ones and friends.

And just about every year, the local merchants are left out in the cold.

Except maybe for some last-minute scrapping for the gift that was forgotten, this cycle of out-of-town concentration during the peak retail season is repeated most every year.

According to Syracuse retail merchants' president Jeannie Gardiner, Lakeland residents miss out on some good buys during their typical migrant period.

Although the area merchants aren't under one roof, they offer the same variety available in most malls. "Syracuse has more things to offer than people realize," says Gardiner. "I have compared prices and the merchants have competitive pricing," she added.

Figure in the merchants in North Webster and Milford, area shoppers could

very well be missing out on some savings when they drive by area stores on their way to the bigger cities.

"It's going to be a little tighter... people are getting more practical with their things," Gardiner said. Practical shopping could mean increased sales for some merchants.

The Thanksgiving week end is traditionally the largest shopping period of the year, but Dick Meyers of the Anchor Man in the Wawasee Village has little hope for any increased activity this season.

"It's just going to be poorer," he said. Gardiner explained some of the problem all local merchants have is the consumer's fascination with making trips. "Far away places appeal to people," she explained.

The Syracuse retail merchants have put together a list of the stores in Syracuse with the merchandise they offer. Antiques, small and large appliances, clothing, do-it-yourself crafts, furniture, gift items, hardware, plants, jewelry, lawn and garden supplies, shoes, sporting goods, books — are just some of the categories listed in Syracuse alone. Combined with the merchants in Milford and North Webster, area shoppers can count on variety if they choose to stay at home this shopping season.

"We have something for everyone," said Gardiner.

## Shaky experience for Milford family caught in KKK riot

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go to this other cafeteria since the one was full, and in the cafeteria we could watch everything that was going on," reported Grimm.

Grimm continued to say the cafeteria was located on a corner so two sides of the restaurant were all windows. After the Grimmers left the restaurant, by way of the front door and the riot, "we didn't look back to see if anyone was still in the cafeteria."

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JOHN FREE

John Free, a fourth grade student at Milford is thinking about his little brother, Doug. "I want to help my Mom buy him a BB gun and a fishing rod. He's my favorite."

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