

## Getting To Know WTLW's Staff: Sheri Ketner

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Sheri Ketner is most recognizable from hosting *Grace for Today*, but she also does a lot behind the scenes, too. Her official title is Producer/Auction Coordinator, but her job at WTLW includes a lot more than that.

Ketner began volunteering about 14 years ago. "My husband got saved watching Channel 44 and I wanted to give back to the ministry," she explains.

The auction was where she first helped out, making calls to solicit items. About two years later, the station called her up and asked if she wanted a job. This came as a surprise to Ketner, who will turn 50 years old in October,

as she was trained to be a hairstylist.

"It was a God thing," she says. "I wanted to do hair but God wanted me here." During her years here, Sheri has done a lot of different things. She has run the camera, done floor directing, made travel arrangements, and booked guests both for in the studio and away from the studio.

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Currently, her job includes producing *Ask the Pastor*, producing and hosting *Grace for Today*, and she helps produce *LiveWire* and

*Community Calendar*. She adds, "Any ministry show that is taped in the studio, I help with in some way."

Ketner continued to do hair for 20 years, up until three years ago. "The hours just got

to be too much and I had to make a choice," she says. "I felt God telling me to choose WTLW."

She is happy with that choice, and one of her favorite things about her job is meeting people in the community. "People will recognize me from the show.... I am a huggy person and I just love meeting them and loving on them and praying with them," she says. "It's so neat."

Part of Sheri's happiness comes from knowing she is doing what God has called her to do. "I totally believe I am smack dab, dead center where God wants me to be at this time in my life," she says. "I'm fulfilled. I'm humbled by the call He's placed on my life."

*Note: Grace for Today is on summer hiatus and will return in September.*



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Sheri hosts *Grace for Today*, WTLW's morning devotional program.

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## WTLW to Make Digital Switch on December 1st



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Gen. Manager

By now you've seen countless TV ads promoting February 17, 2009 as the analog shutoff date.

From that point forward, analog TV owners will either have to purchase a new digital set or converter box to continue watching television (cable subscribers will not be affected). **WTLW will make the switch 10 weeks earlier than the national deadline.** We will turn off our analog transmitter on December 1st and broadcast only in digital from that point forward.

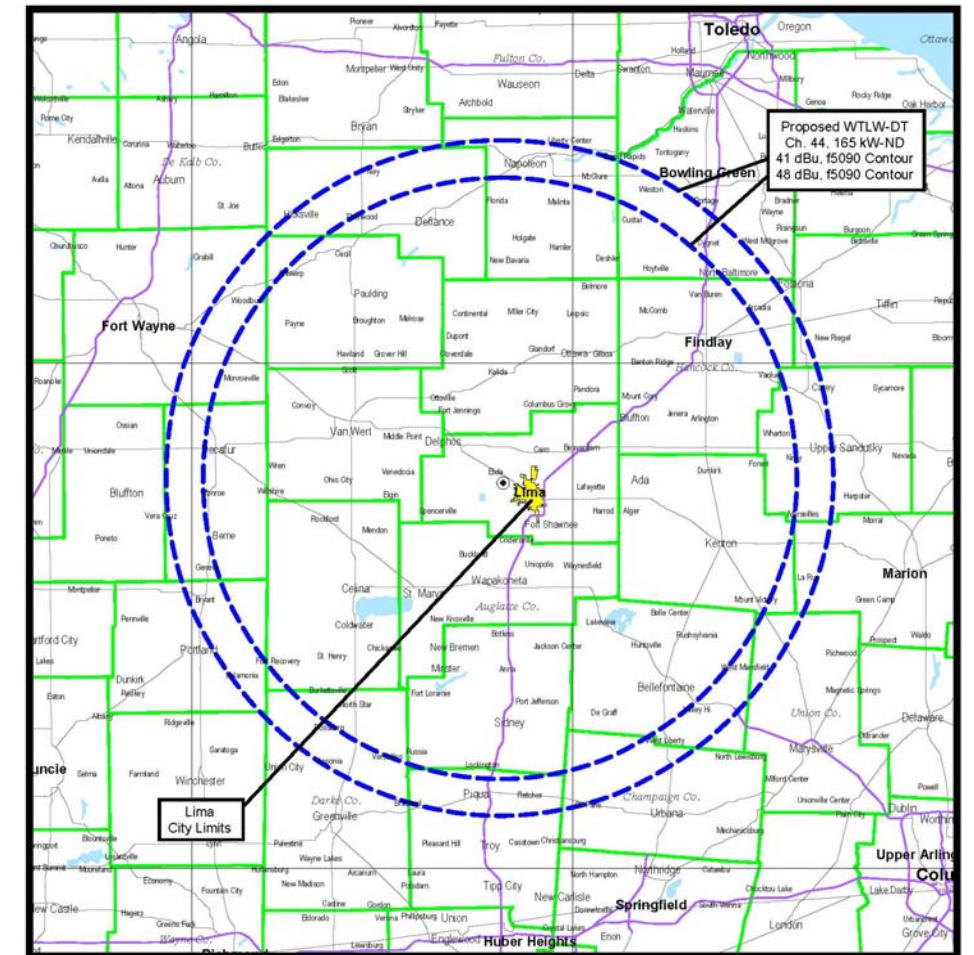
### Power Increase Requested

The FCC has just opened the door for stations to apply for increased power to operate their digital signals. WTLW is licensed for 50 kilowatts, but last week, we applied for 165 kilowatts which can be accomplished without purchasing additional equipment. On December 1st, we will switch from the side-

mounted antenna located 100 meters off the ground to the top-mounted antenna which is 208 meters high. This doubling of height will increase our signal penetration into outlying areas.

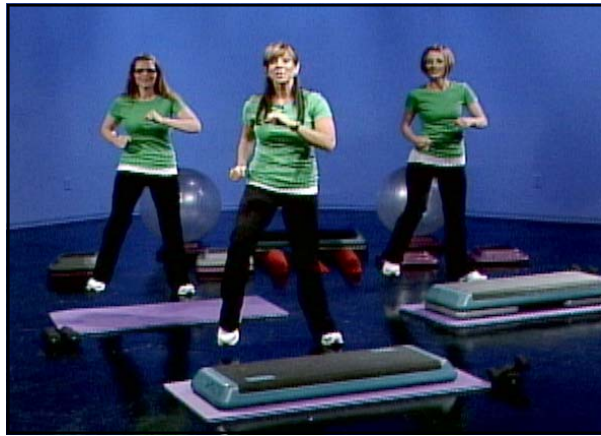
If you've had difficulty receiving our digital signal, know that the

increased power and antenna height should improve your reception. We'd appreciate your feedback on the signal strength of our current digital signal. Email us at [contact@wtlw.com](mailto:contact@wtlw.com). Please call us at 339-4444 if we can assist you in the transition.



WTLW's Digital Signal Reach at 165 kilowatts (outer ring).

## New Exercise Show Joins Morning Lineup



**Crosstraining airs weekdays at 9 am**

Jenny Bollheimer of New Bremen hosts a new exercise program airing weekday mornings at 9 am on WTLW. *Crosstraining* features a wide range of exercise techniques including weight training, aerobics and pilates. All of the exercises can be performed by both trained athletes and beginners. *Beverly Exercise* can still be seen weekdays at 9:30 am. We would appreciate your feedback on this new program as WTLW does its part to bring health and fitness to our viewers.

## Auction Donations Being Accepted

TV-44's annual auction will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6. The success of this fundraiser is a result of the generosity of our viewers. We encourage you to donate items which have sold well in the past: antiques, wood

furniture, tools, time share vacations, professional services, hand-made crafts, artwork, collectibles and used cars or other vehicles. Donations are being accepted at the station during business hours.



Experience the sights and sounds of *The Worship Network* during overnight hours on WTLW's *The Word Channel*, 44.2 Premieres on September 1st.



## Viewer Profile: Ruth Ann Amick, Ottawa

Many people in Ruth Ann Amick's situation would let their sorrow and loneliness overwhelm them, but not Ruth Ann. She was 20 years old in 1944 when she was sworn into the Navy in Detroit, Michigan, and it was during her years in the service that she met her husband, Robert D. Amick.



**Ruth Ann while serving in the Navy during 1949.**

They married on April 2, 1949. Their son, Doug, was born in Nuremberg, Germany in 1951.

It was while Robert was in Okinawa that Ruth Ann

got the bad news. Her husband had died of a massive heart attack at only 33 years old. Her son was only three years old.

Over the years, Ruth Ann thought she knew God, but it wasn't until she was laid up after a surgery that she began to read the Bible. She asked Christ into her heart at the age of 52. She found WTLW to be a big help and has supported it since it started.

She says without Christ, she couldn't have made it through her biggest grief – losing her only son Doug on October 7, 1990. He had gone with three of his best friends in a small aircraft to watch a NASCAR race. On the way back, the plane crashed, killing everyone on board.

"We said a prayer together before he left," she remembers. "He left, but then he came back and said 'Take care! I love you Mom'."

Ruth Ann says that

losing her only child was the hardest loss to bear. However, instead of sinking into her grief, Ruth Ann has used this experience to minister to other people.

She is actively involved in the Putnam Chapter of Compassionate Friends which is a group for those whose children have died, and she is also involved in Alive Alone which was started for those whose only child or all of their children have died.

At 84 years old, Ruth Ann is still giving to those around her. She is alone but not forsaken. "It's been a difficult journey without Doug, but I expect to see him again, and that makes all the difference," she says.

Alive Alone can be found at [www.alivealone.org](http://www.alivealone.org).



**Ruth Ann Amick**