

1. **Abraham Lincoln**
2. **Benefit Auction**
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1). **Abraham Lincoln** stated, "American will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedom, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." A quote from our second president, John Adams, "The only way our form of government can thrive is to have a MORAL and SPIRITUAL people."
WHEELCHAIRS FOR HAITI " This mission is alive and well. Wheelchairs arrived at our door almost every day. Let's keep the drive alive and see how many we have by mid-June.

2).**BENEFIT AUCTION** " **Thursday MAY 13th.** The auction flyer has been mailed and donations are now coming in for our 26th Annual Benefit Auction. Please mark Thursday, May 13th at 4:00-9:00PM on your calendar. Silent auction 4:30 and live at 6:00 PM. We have food, mini farm, things for kids to do, etc. If you have items to donate, please call 533-4315.

3). **Operation Welcome Home!** April 30-May 2. We are really looking forward to serving our soldiers and their families. Highlights of this event are a special candlelight dinner Saturday evening, Quilts of Valor, and an afternoon of special events.

September 17-19th is the date for the fall Operation Welcome Home retreat. If you would like to be involved, let me know.

WOUNDED WARROR weekend " **May 14-16:** Three more soldiers are needed to fill this weekend. The National Wild Turkey Federation and Ironwood have planned a very special turkey hunt for these soldiers.

4). **SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS.** Get your applications in soon. Sam Sutter and staff are planning terrific weeks of camp.

5) **Calendar:**

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| * Apr 23-25 th | 3 rd Annual Turkey Hunt for disabled individuals |
| * April 30 " May 2 | Operation Welcome Home |
| * May 13th | 26th Annual BENEFIT AUCTION -make your donation |
| * May 14-16 th | Wounded Warrior Weekend with turkey hunt |
| * May 28-31 st | Memorial Day weekend and cookout |
| * June 12-17 | 24 th Annual National Wheelchair Sports and Recreation Camp |
| * MIRACLES HAPPEN FESTIVAL II | July 30, 31-August 1. |

Come have lunch with us and we'll give you a tour to see the beautiful [Wild Bluebells](#).
 Spreading JOY- changing lives
 Bob Bardwell