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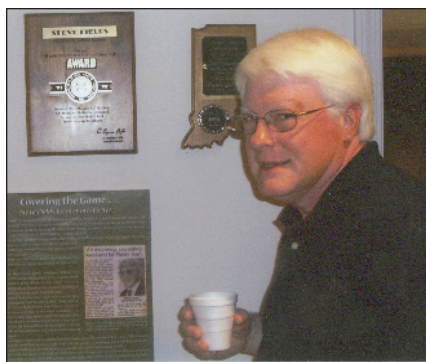
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From the Director's Desk



"Sports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence."

-George Will, columnist/author

With the changing of the leaves and the weather getting colder, one knows that fall has finally arrived. In between the visits to the apple orchards and attending those high school and college football games, consider visiting the Museum to view our newly opened sports exhibit.

This exhibit has been a summer-long project. Thanks in part to Brad Tucker for heading a committee who went out to collect objects that best exemplified Putnam County sports of the past, this exhibit highlights high school sports not only within the current four high schools, but also pays homage to the schools of the past: Bainbridge, Clinton Center, Belle Union, Fillmore, Putnamville, Reelsville, and Roachdale.

As a person that has little knowledge of the importance of high school sports to a community, it was refreshing to hear the stories and see the items that came pouring in. Talking to individuals about their recollections of certain events made me realize the importance high school sports can have on a community.

Particularly, hearing the speech of former South Putnam High School coach, Mark Wildman, how truly inspiring sports can be. Mr. Wildman talked of how as the South

Putnam High School football team was approaching a championship season and entering the playoffs in 1986, IBM had recently closed their facilities in Greencastle. The utter loss of such a company was devastating to many members of the community. However, as Mr. Wildman tells it, seeing their team make it all the way to capture the state title brought not only the citizens of South Putnam together, but the entire county.

Just hearing the impact that one event such as this can have has made me look at this exhibit in a new light. Each item here tells its own story. Although it may not be written down in words, the objects themselves emanate their own tales of hardship and triumph.

There were so many people that took part in the development and construction of this exhibit. However, I want to specially thank Warren Macy for taking the time to help us put together the exhibit. In addition, I want to also thank Brandon Newhart and Kareen Dillon, our DePauw University Bonner Scholars, for assisting Anne and myself in putting together and creating parts of this exhibit.

Please do take the time to come visit this exhibit. It will be up through the end of February 2009. We will also have special programs in connection with this exhibit. The first one will take place on November 22nd, in which Steve Fields, a long-time Putnam County sportswriter, will come in to talk about his fond memories of reporting for Putnam County. Other programs will follow, so please keep your eyes and ears open to what the museum has to offer.

-- Jennifer Ro

2008 Gala, a Fun Time

By Sally Gray

The August 2 Museum luncheon meeting and gala was a huge success by any standard: good food, good company, good speaker, good auction and a good time had by all!

Around 75 people attended the event which from 11:00 a.m. to noon was the scene of a cash bar and the silent auction. The auction featured a grand combination of a wide range of art work, antique furniture, silverware, books and many other attractive and interesting items – little remained after the bidding. The receipts from the auction totaled over \$1800.

The speaker was Mike Redmond who shared with us some of his memories of Greencastle and life in Indiana. Outgoing President Warren Macy conducted the business meeting at which Diana LaViolette was elected president, Sally Gray, Vice-President, and Jinsie Bingham and Cara Goodin re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Sherry Gammon and Rita Schendel will be adding their considerable talents as new museum board members.

Thanks to the committee who put the Gala together, to Jane Hansen at Putnam Inn who served as bartender, to the auction donors, to our speaker, to the DPU catering service for the very fine lunch, and to Jennifer Ro and Anne Lovold, museum director and assistant director, for their considerable help. And a special thanks to our sponsors, whose support helped us gain net receipts of well over \$4000 for this fundraiser.

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Hatcher, Dr. Warren Macy, and Dr. Ray Peters)
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A Message from the President

If you have not paid a visit to the Putnam County Museum recently, or if for some unknown reason, you are a member and have not yet been here, please drop in or drop by, whichever is the better use of the English language. A sports exhibit opened October 11, and it looks great. There are so many moments in Putnam County Athletic High School history that should be highlighted.

We are lucky to have the likes of Dr. Warren Macy, who has devoted much of his time these past weeks to while the President president (Sally Gray) With thanks also to the board members, we have take pride in. Certainly should take the time to and athletic directors to our high school opportunity to view the coaches talking about the county both pre and



see the exhibit succeed, (yours truly) and Vice-were off vacationing. museum staff and other something very special to Putnam County residents thank the many coaches who have given much athletes. Please find an DVD of the now retired the history of all sports in post consolidation.

But there is a lot more cheer leaders, and all and personal stories athletes from the has been open now for (to pardon a cliché) by entertained hundreds education programs, county history tours. It that reflect the art and ancestry of Putnam County residents. We are always looking for more artifacts and personal stories.

to us than basketballs, the sports memorabilia about the high school county. The museum six years, and has grown leaps and bounds. It has who have benefitted from many other exhibits, and has permanent exhibits

How interesting our history can be is well demonstrated in the articles compiled and published as John Baughman's book, *Our Past, Their Present*, which is available for sale in our gift shop. We live in a time of rapid change, and often like to think of where we are going as opposed to where we have been. But our ancestors and our county's life stories are important aspects of who we are, and it does shape our present and our future, even if we do not realize it. The Putnam County Museum has taken on the task of finding the space to preserve our past behaviors and experiences. All of us stand to benefit from collecting memorabilia, discovering our history, and giving it the attention it deserves for us and generations to come. We look forward to seeing you here, and know that you will benefit from the experience.

The museum has captured my interest and my heart – slowly but surely – as it has for many of you. You, our loyal members, are what brings the Putnam County Museum life and vitality. Thank you.

Holiday Art Show and Sale

By Anne Lovold

It won't be long, just around the corner is Christmas and if you have shopping to do, then plan on coming to the Museum on Saturday, November 15, for our first Holiday Art Show and Sale. We have invited several Putnam county artisans to exhibit and sell their work.

Artists that we will be featuring range from paintings by Barbara Fuson to gourds by Stu Fabe and Marla Hilton. Kace Huber will be exhibiting sculpture and puppets, and Christie Meadows will have jewelry. Karen Smoger, will present photography, jewelry, and ceramics, Jeff Davies brings unique birdhouses, and John Robertson, county bridge paintings. The Putnam county Spinners and Weavers will have hand-made woolen items available. With such a wide variety of original gifts for those special people on your list or perhaps something for yourself, you can't miss this Holiday Art Show and Sale.

This will be a preview to new items that we hope will be available in the future in the Museum gift Shop.



A Holiday Party

By Shirley Stewart

The annual **Member Appreciation Holiday Party** will be held Sunday, December 7, at the Putnam County Museum. The 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. function lets us say "Thank You" to our members and volunteers who have supported the museum and its activities in so many ways.

The afternoon will include a musical program by the DePauw Gospel Singers and food prepared by Lynda Dunbar of Treasures on the Square, along with goodies from June Brattain's "Cookie Patrol."

Business sponsors for this annual event are **Humphreys' Outdoor Power, Mill Pond Health Campus, Tri-County Bank & Trust, and Treasures on the Square.**

Join us for a festive afternoon and enjoy the current Putnam County High School Sports Exhibit.

Please consider bringing a friend or two to the celebration as well. A gift of a museum membership might be just the perfect gift you've been looking for.

Sunday, December 7
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Welcome New Members

Mary Foxwell

Nafhat & Nadia Nasr

Cara Goodin

Brandy Richmond

Charles & Sheridin McCutcheon

Reece & Mary Scobee

Susie McMains

Robert & Carol Steele

Barbara of Brookshire Farms

A Putnam County Museum Endowment Fund Friend

By Sally Gray

Barbara Daniels Brookshire was born in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1944 she was working with youth groups in Methodist churches in the Chicago area when Dr. John Tennant at Gobin Methodist Church in Greencastle asked her to come to Greencastle to discuss the possibility of her working here.

Barbara took the Monon train from Chicago to Greencastle and she and Dr. Tennant hit it off immediately. She accepted the position at Gobin Church working with DePauw students and as church secretary.

This was work Barbara loved. In the summers she traveled from California to Massachusetts and college campuses in between to gain information that might help to expand local programs.



In March of 1949 Ed Brookshire came into the church office to explore a Gobin program of providing homes for European émigrés to work on local farms (until they found other work). Ed and Barbara went to the Fluttering Duck for coffee. This was followed by dinners out. They were married in August and Barbara moved to Brookshire Farm near Roachdale, on the northern edge of Putnam County.

Marriage to Ed was a new life for Barbara, a city gal. In addition, that fall she and Ed took in an Estonian family of four, Steven, Anastasia, and two children, a boy age 12 and a girl age 8 (that is, after all, why Ed went to Gobin Church in the first place).

The Hrunyaks had spent several years in camps in Europe as a result of the war. While Steven spoke seven languages, English was not one of them. He knew nothing about farm machinery. The children went to school in Barnard, nine miles east of Roachdale and picked up English quickly. But on the farm and in the house little English was spoken. Barbara remembers making a lot of applesauce that fall with Anastasia.

In April of 1950 the family disappeared overnight, presumably to join other Estonians in the states.

Brookshire Farms was a dairy farm when Barbara and Ed were married and had been from the time Ed's father ran the farm. Ed's grandfather (T.D.) bought the farm in 1891 from Cy Kyle. The house in which Barbara and Ed lived their entire married life and in which Ed was born and in which Barbara lives today, was built in about 1875. It was moved "up the road" a few years later—by horse and wagon! When it was moved it was smaller (no front porch and the large room in the back had not been added), but it was a two story house with two bedrooms upstairs.

Ed's passion was dairy cattle. After three years at Purdue University Ed took a job at Madison State Hospital managing its dairy operation which consisted at the time of 150 cows and 150 acres.

Ed's dad, Carl, also raised hay and corn for feed for the 10-cow herd and the Belgian horses he bred and raised on Brookshire Farm until mechanization replaced draft horses. Ed's mom, Pearl, made butter which was sold for her spending money.

Ed returned to the family farm of 150 acres in 1946 when his folks moved into Roachdale. Ed expanded the herd gradually with cows from other farms until he had 75 milk cows. He was completely absorbed by the breeding of his cows for the highest possible milk production and future production of the calves. He read extensively about the heritage of the bulls to which he bred his cows (by artificial insemination). He kept careful and thorough records of each cow's milk output so he knew what he had and how to improve his herd. Ed's milk production per cow had become the highest in the state.

Barbara remembers a great story about Ed buying a manure loader and spreader. Carl was quite skeptical when he saw it. (Can't you imagine, "That kind of money to move manure when a man can do it!") But when he saw it put to use cleaning out the barn and moving the manure so much faster



than a man could, he said "Don't let me bother you, keep at it". When the calves were born each fall, they were taken from their mothers after two days so the cows could resume being milked. The calves had to be fed from a bucket with a nipple—that was Barbara's job as well as working with the calves to get them to drink directly from the bucket. There were four calf barns with six calves to a barn—that could be a lot of time and energy demanded morning and evening every day, all fall and winter, sunshine, rain or snow.

The return from investment on a dairy farm is delayed: the cows are bred at nine months and carry the calves another nine months—at least a year and a half before the farmer can begin to tell if his careful selection of bulls and cows is going to pay off.

Barbara and Ed had two children: Joel lives nearby, farms the 400 acres and has one son; Sarah lives in Avon and has three children.

Barbara has many interests and devotes herself to them with the same competence and diligence that she

demonstrated caring for over 2,000 calves.

She has been president of Roachdale Extension Homemakers (her membership in that organization dates back to the year she married Ed) three times and through that organization has welcomed women from all over the world who came to Indiana to spend time with Homemakers. In the 1980's she went to Scotland for six weeks as a good-will ambassador on behalf of Indiana Extension Homemakers.

Barbara also joined the Roachdale chapter of Delta Theta Tau, a philanthropic organization of national prominence; she attended the national convention this year.

And Barbara is devoted to her church, the Roachdale Presbyterian Church where she has been not only a loyal attendee, but also a deacon, an elder, and served as treasurer for twenty-five years.

Barbara Brookshire is a warm and generous person. It is no wonder that when she moved from Chicago to Greencastle and then to Roachdale she was so warmly welcomed. The Putnam County Museum Endowment Fund at the Putnam County Community Foundation has benefited greatly from Barbara's generosity. We thank her. Her consistent support for the Museum has made a difference.

GOOD NEWS FOR MUSEUM ENDOWMENT FUND: CONGRESS EXTENDS PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

--Sally Gray

The recently signed law designed to rescue the U.S. financial system also extended the "Charitable IRA" rollover. This means that for the balance of this year and through 2009, if you are 70 ½ years of age or older you can make a direct gift to the Putnam County Museum and avoid the tax consequences that are generally a result of withdrawals from IRA accounts—that is, normally IRA withdrawals are fully reportable as part of adjusted gross income (AGI).

An individual may exclude up to \$100,000 from his or her AGI for each tax year (2008 and 2009) any qualified charitable distributions made from IRAs. The Putnam County Museum is a qualified charitable organization.

Note: The Museum at this time is not the beneficiary of a Putnam County Community Foundation matching grant program (i.e., the Endowment Building programs that we benefited from in prior periods). But I will match by 100% any direct gift to the Putnam County Museum Endowment Fund at the Foundation of \$500 or more (up to a total match of \$10,000)

We hope that those of you who are considering a first-time or additional gift to the Museum Endowment Fund will consider taking advantage of the extension of the "Charitable IRA Rollover."

High School Sports Exhibit A Winner

By Warren Macy

The smell of fresh concession stand popcorn filled the halls of the Putnam County Museum Saturday, Oct. 11 heralding the opening of our much anticipated high school sports exhibit. The day began at 9 am with WREB's "Coaches Corner" broadcasting live from your Putnam County Museum and including a live interview with museum president, Diana "Dungy" LaViolette. This was followed by a talk by Mark Wildman. Mr. Wildman was the head coach of South Putnam High School's 1986 state championship football team--the only state championship TEAM in Putnam County history. He shared his thoughts on that season, the championship game, and it's effect on the community. You may not recall that the announcement of the IBM closing came the Monday after South Putnam won it's sectional en route to that state championship. Mr. Wildman's insight as to how high school football brought community spirit and celebration to those dark days was most intriguing.

Following Coach Wildman's presentation the exhibit opened for viewing. The degree of planning, effort, and community involvement is evident no matter where one looks.

Entering the museum you are greeted by the mascots of all Putnam County high school teams, past and present. Can you match the Pointers, Bees, Clovers, Yellow Jackets, Cougars, Lions, Tiger Cubs, Panthers, Eagles, Indians, Hawks, and Cardinals with their appropriate high schools?

The Art Walk is lined with team photos, action shots, and posters contributed by various schools, individuals, and alumni associations. There you will also find Coach Russ Hessler's wrestling quilt made from various wrestling T-shirts. Opposite the quilt you must not miss Charles Saathoff's Greencastle letter jacket and PINK senior cords accompanied by pictures of Mr. Saathoff in his basketball and football uniforms. The cords are definitely a work of art! They, alone, are well worth the price of admission which is still--absolutely FREE.

The three display cases in the Art Walk feature the achievements of Andy Weatherford, Greencastle's two time state 1600m champion, Larry Steele, Bainbridge High School and NBA Portland Trailblazer's basketball star, and Chet Clodfelter, North Putnam and Purdue pole vaulting champion. There are also tributes to Jess McAnally, Tom Goldsberry, and Ray Sears.

The multipurpose room is filled with memorabilia as well. There you will find Chad Tucker's Indiana All Star uniform and awards. You will also notice a red Cloverdale letter jacket. Yes, before green and white Cloverdale's school colors were red and white. A large banner celebrates Fillmore's undefeated 1953-54 basketball season and an old Indianapolis Star article touts them as having the longest winning streak in the state. Looking up you will see letter jackets and sweaters representing seven of the eight high schools (Bainbridge, Belle Union, Clinton Center, Fillmore, Reelsville, Roachdale, and Russelville) that no longer exist in the county. If you have a Putnamville High School letter jacket or sweater we would love to borrow it!

Before you enter the main exhibit hall be sure to look above the door. There sits the old scoreboard from the Belle Union High School gymnasium. Our sincere appreciation goes to Rick Cline for loaning it and Gerald Ensor for donating his expertise in getting it in working order!

In the main hall the championship section features trophies dating from the very early 1900's to the present. The media section is highlighted by an area honoring Steve Fields career as a sports writer and a monitor where you can view a video produced especially for this exhibit. It features Dick Crawley moderating a panel of Jim Huter, Jim Sharp, Steve Paquin, Clyde Spencer, Al Tucker, and Bob Harbison as they discuss the history of high school sports in Putnam County. You can also opt to watch the 1986 South Putnam state championship football game or an early Bainbridge or Roachdale basketball game.

Other areas in the main hall highlight cheerleading and school spirit, early vs. modern sports equipment, and "Women in Sports." Be sure to see the picture of the 1919 Bainbridge girls basketball team!

This and much, much more awaits you at your Putnam County Museum so, please, come out and visit the exhibit. You may just find your name on a trophy or see a younger, slimmer you in one of our many photos!

Attention Online Shoppers

By Sherry Gammon

For all of you that shop online you now have the ability to raise money for our museum each time you make a purchase.

The next time you logon to go shopping, go to **www.shopformuseums.com**. Initially, you will need to "register" that you are a supporter of the Putnam County Museum. Following that, you can take advantage of the convenience of the "one stop shopping" with over 350 popular stores in this one location. When you view the participating retailers, you will see the percentage of your purchase that will be sent to the Putnam County Museum. (These percentages range from 1% to 15%.) Another advantage to shopping through **shopformuseums.com** is the availability of special sales and discounts that are only offered through this web site.

If you order from a retailer that is not listed, just send them an e-mail asking that your store be added. I did this last spring and one of my requests was added in three days!

I have made several purchases and "raised" over \$10 for our museum. Just think of how much money ALL of us could earn for our Putnam County Museum.

Below is a partial list of the participating clothing/accessory stores and the percentage of your purchase that will be sent to our Putnam County Museum.

Amazon.com 2.50%	Appleseeds 2.50%	Bass Pro Shops 2.50%
Brooks Brothers 2.50%	Cabela's 2.00%	Coldwater Creek varies
Dick's Sporting Goods 2.50%	Disney Shopping 2.50%	Eddie Bauer 3.00%
Fashion Bug 2.50%	Gap 2.00%	Kmart 1.00%
Kohl's 2.00%	Lands' End 2.50%	Macy's 2.00%
National Geographic 5.00%	Old Navy 2.00%	Orvis 2.50%
Sears 1.00%	Target varies	
The Golf Warehouse 2.50%	Walmart varies	



Help Us Help the Museum

By Sally Gray, Vice-President

Over the past five years a number of our members have been immensely helpful in many ways. That loyal and generous crew could use some assistance so that the load is lightened.

- Mailings: We mail the newsletters and invitations about six times a year, total. It takes about 2 hours each time.
- Membership Notices: This does not involve any solicitation, only filling out the notices and getting them in the mail each month. You can do this at home!
- Co-chair of 2009 Gala: I will chair next year's Gala but could use a co-chair or two.
- E-mail Addresses: If you have not already been contacted or sent in your e-mail address, it would be helpful to have it (especially to reduce postage for membership notices).

If you can help with any of the above please contact me at rsgray@tds.net or 653-4863.

- Cookies: For many of our activities at the Museum we provide punch and cookies. Our noble cookie committee could use some help; call June Brattain 653-6834.
- Docents: Docents provide such an important service to the Museum. Call Anne Lovold if you'd like information or to sign up. 765-653-8419.
- Volunteers: Margaret Champion has agreed to be overall chair of volunteers and of recruiting members to work on committees (gift shop, marketing, exhibits, programs, etc.). Her phone number is 765-848-1989.

Lend a hand, please! You'll get more from your museum membership than you can imagine.

Museum Race '08

By Susan Stewart

September 27th proved to be a winner in many ways when used to describe the weather, location, participants, volunteers, sponsors/prizes/ and camaraderie present at the 5th annual Museum 4-Mile Run and 2-Mile Walk. The DePauw Nature Park under the management of Brian Holsapple never fails to please the athletes who run its beautiful and interesting pathways. This year's run on a cool, sunny, fall morning proved to be even more of a challenge with the addition of some serious hills. Runner Jimmy O'Neal, second in the men's division, suggested this course change and all 31 entrants (16 men/15 women) survived the task. Michael Lutz, DPU senior and faithful 4-



year participant, led the race with a time of 24:10. Veteran Bob Copeland won 3rd place and commented that he wished he had run earlier Museum Races. Terre Haute's Janelle Ralph (26:35) placed first in the female division of the run with Crawfordsville native Carla Yerkes (29:12) running 2nd and Greencastle's Amber Bower (31:13) finishing 3rd.

Nationally known walker Damon Clements blasted into the finish chute with a walking time of (17:37). Museum past-president Warren Macy placed 2nd in the men's walk and visiting Michigonian Hugh Battley finished 3rd.

Curves owner Rhonda Louderback (24:23) led the 29 women in the 2-mile walk along creekside, placing 2nd over-all, followed by Lauri Garl (25:31) and Ruth Ralph (25:41). Over 30 prizes to athletic and dining venues were won in drawings entered by all racers.

This fundraiser will benefit our museum with proceeds totaling approximately \$1800. Grants yet to be awarded will hopefully increase this amount. A special thank you goes to the 19-member Curves' team who donated \$450. We are grateful to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and racers for supporting the Putnam County Museum while promoting a healthy life style for all.



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Museum wish list

For Object Cataloging

Tripod
Cloth or latex gloves

For the Exhibit Hall

Television (27" or larger)
Exhibit cases

For Multipurpose Room

10-20 folding chairs
LCD Projector

For Education/Children's area

Tupperware storage cases
Historic dress up clothes

For the Office

Adding machine

For the Computers

Battery backup (UPS, 650 VA or more)
USB Mouse with scroll wheel
Wireless mouse and pad
Jump drives
External hard drive

For Maintenance

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