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*Awards - Recognitions  
Of the Children of  
Louis & Catherine (McCauley)  
Kavanaugh Sr.*





*Left: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Picture for Mark Kavanaugh at St. Peter's School in Montgomery Picture Taken May 1970*

*Right: First Communion picture for Mark Kavanaugh at All Saints in Cannelburg. Dave Kavanaugh carried the Cross in the middle in Back. Picture Taken May 1962*





*Left: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Picture for Steve Kavanaugh at St. Peter's School in Montgomery. Picture Taken May 1968*

*Right: First Communion Picture for Steve Kavanaugh at All Saints in Cannelburg. Picture Taken May 1960*



## **Tim Kavanaugh and Son Kevin Lead Team to Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.**

*The Article above comes from the Indianapolis Star after Coach Tim Kavanaugh and his Team return from the Little League in Williamsport Pa. The team took 3rd place in the world and 2nd place in the U.S. The Team was honored with a parade and a banquet and Coach Tim Kavanaugh was given the Sagamore of the Wabash Award given by then Governor of Indiana Robert Orr.*

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### **Mobbed by fans, families**

# Southport baseball heroes come home



Star photo by Greg Griffe

**Manager Tim Kavanaugh displays plaque**

By REBECCA OVERTON

Thirteen boys got heroes' welcomes at Indianapolis International Airport Sunday morning. Proud parents cheered. Cameras and bubble gum snapped. The Southport Little League baseball team had come home.

The team placed third in the world in the Little League World Series, whose crown was clinched by Seoul, South Korea, in Williamsport, Pa., Saturday. Southport placed second in the nation, after Altamonte Springs, Fla., in the eight-team event.

But the suburban Indianapolis-area boys were clearly No. 1 to the estimated crowd of 150 people who pressed forward as the team filed into the terminal. Airport signs proclaimed "Congratulations Southport Little League."

**THE ONLY** thing missing was a marching band. Indianapolis Mayor William H. Hudnut gave them keys to the city. Southport Mayor Robert Anderson greeted them. Motion picture cameras whirred as relatives preserved the moment for viewing later in family dens.

The Little Leaguers were the latest in area youth bat-and-glove brigades to place in national competition. Earlier this month, the Christian Park Major Girls softball team were runners-up in the Major Girls World Series in Kalamazoo, Mich.

For 12-year-old Mike Yeager, his favorite part of the playoffs was when he evened the score in the bottom of the sixth inning of Southport's game with Coquitlan, British Columbia, Canada, on Friday.

**DESPITE** A sore toe, he hotfooted it as Southport's pinch runner. The team edged the Canadians 4-3 to finish in third place.

baseball team is the Chicago Cubs, said he had learned more than just sports during the Series.

"I learned to be more responsible and take care of myself," he explained.

While this is his last year in Little League, the Meridian Middle School student said he wouldn't give up his bat and glove. He'd like to play as a professional some day at second base or center field.

Other boys agreed their win against the Canadians was their highlight of the Series. But they also enjoyed meeting players from Europe, Canada, and Japan, they said.

**SOME TRADED** Little League pins, which were proudly displayed on caps. It was an event they wouldn't forget, they said.

Southport manager Tim Kavanaugh was "tickled to death" to be back. "After three weeks with 13 screaming kids, it's good to be home," he laughed.

He said the most important thing the boys had learned was "how to get along with each other. How to handle the stress and the pressures. . . . They handled it well."

After being a Little League manager for 13 years, Kavanaugh said, it was time to hang up his cap. But he may be back later, he noted. "It's in my blood," he said.

Coach John Carpenter, who has been instructing Little Leaguers for 13 years, said he'll probably advise the team again. This year, the first time an Indianapolis-area team has made it to the Series, was the best. "It's been unbelievable," he said.

Celebrations for the team will continue today. They will ride in a parade beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Southport High School. A recognition dinner will be held afterward at The Sherwood club, 6500 South



Southport fans gather at Weir Cook International Airport to welcome returning Little League team.

## Accolades Greet Southport Players

By JOHN CARPENTER

Thirteen Southport boys traded their suitcases for school books today as the most exciting summer of their Little League careers came to an end.

All that remains is a parade and victory banquet tonight for Southport's world-class Little League All-Stars.

The 11- and 12-year-olds arrived home yesterday from Little League headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., where they finished third in the 48th Little League World Series.

The Little Leaguers will be honored tonight with a parade starting at the Southport High School parking lot at 6:30. A recognition banquet sponsored by the Southport Little League and the city of Southport will be held at the Sherwood, 6500 South Emerson, at 7:30.

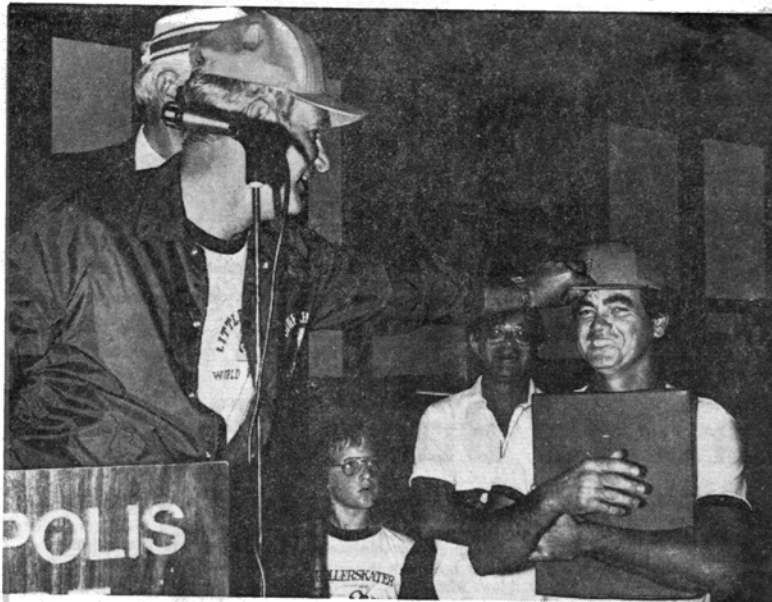
Two mayors and more than 300 fans were at Weir Cook International Airport yesterday to greet Southport, the first Indianapolis area team to participate in the event.

Seoul, South Korea, defeated Altamonte Springs, Fla., 6-2, for the championship Saturday. Altamonte gave the Southport All-Stars their only loss in district, section, state, regional and series competition. Southport finished second in the United States with a 15-1 record.

Southport's All-Stars had spent the last two weeks living from suitcases — going directly to Williamsport from regional competition in Wisconsin — and they were happy to be back in Indianapolis.

### Recited Pledge

"It's really great to be home again," said Mike Yeager, a 12-year-old Southport player who was chosen to recite the Little League



Photos by Ron Hans

Coach John Carpenter (left) thanks team manager Tim Kavanaugh.

pledge before more than 35,000 fans at Saturday's final series game. "I've been gone so long we've had new neighbors move in and I don't even know who they are."

In addition to reunions with parents and siblings, the players basked in the glow of tributes from Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut and Southport Mayor Robert Anderson.

"They are true champions and the city of Indianapolis and the entire state are proud of their accomplishments," Hudnut said as he

presented the boys, their manager and their coach with keys to the city.

Anderson commended the All-Stars for their outstanding season and for "giving Southport worldwide recognition."

The players said the experience was a dream come true.

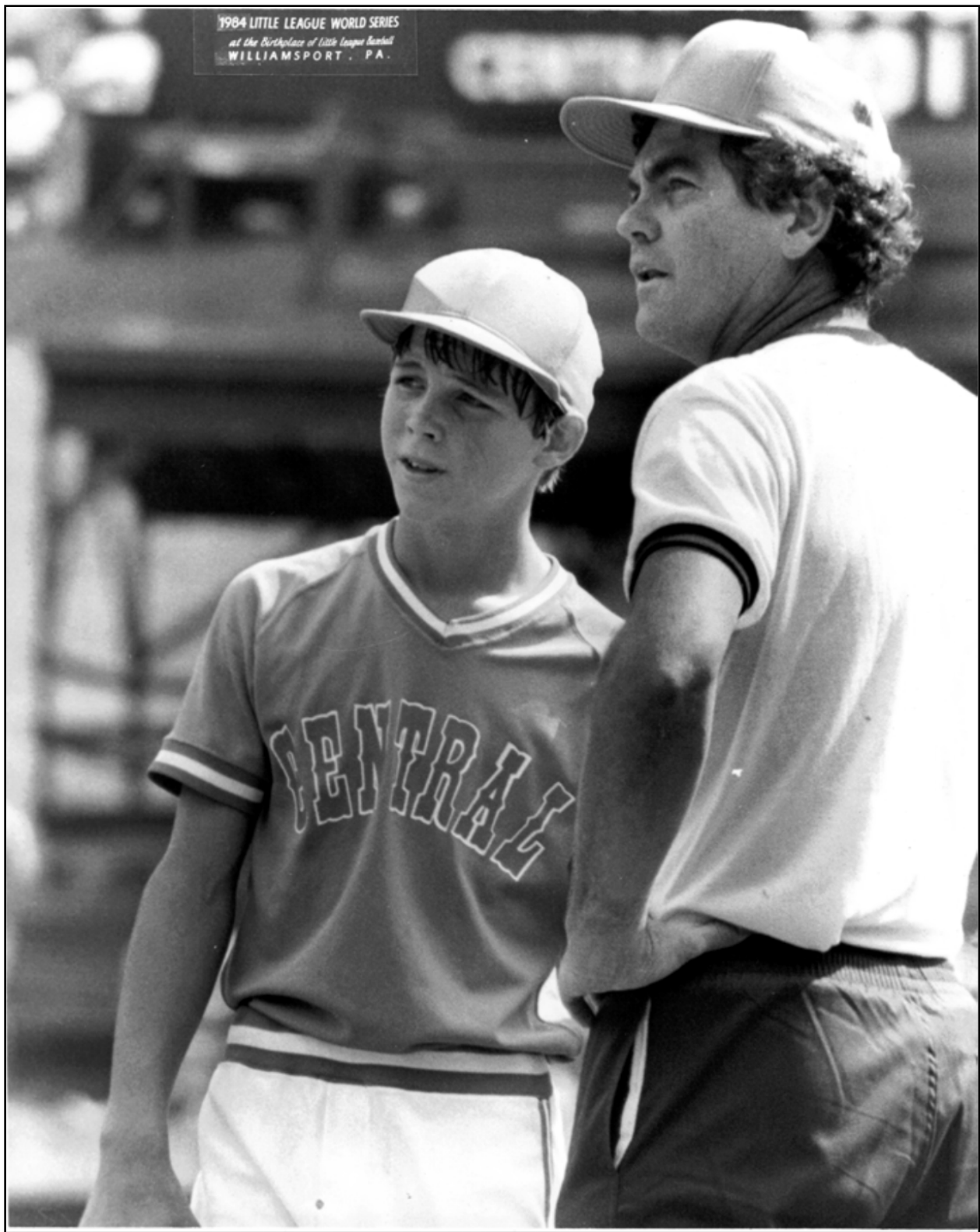
"I wanted to pitch in Williamsport and I wanted to hit one over the fence," said Southport's big pitcher, Mike Eder, who returned to school at St. Jude today.

Eder took double helpings of his

dream-come-true. He was the series pitcher to win two games finishing 9-0 for the season, and hit two home runs in the series.

Kevin Kavanaugh, son of manager Tim Kavanaugh and the hitter on the team, wanted to hit home run in Williamsport and catch through at the last possible moment.

In the seventh inning of game Friday, on the last pitch of the season, Kavanaugh blasted a ball over the fence to beat Canada 4-3, and win the third place trophy for Southport.



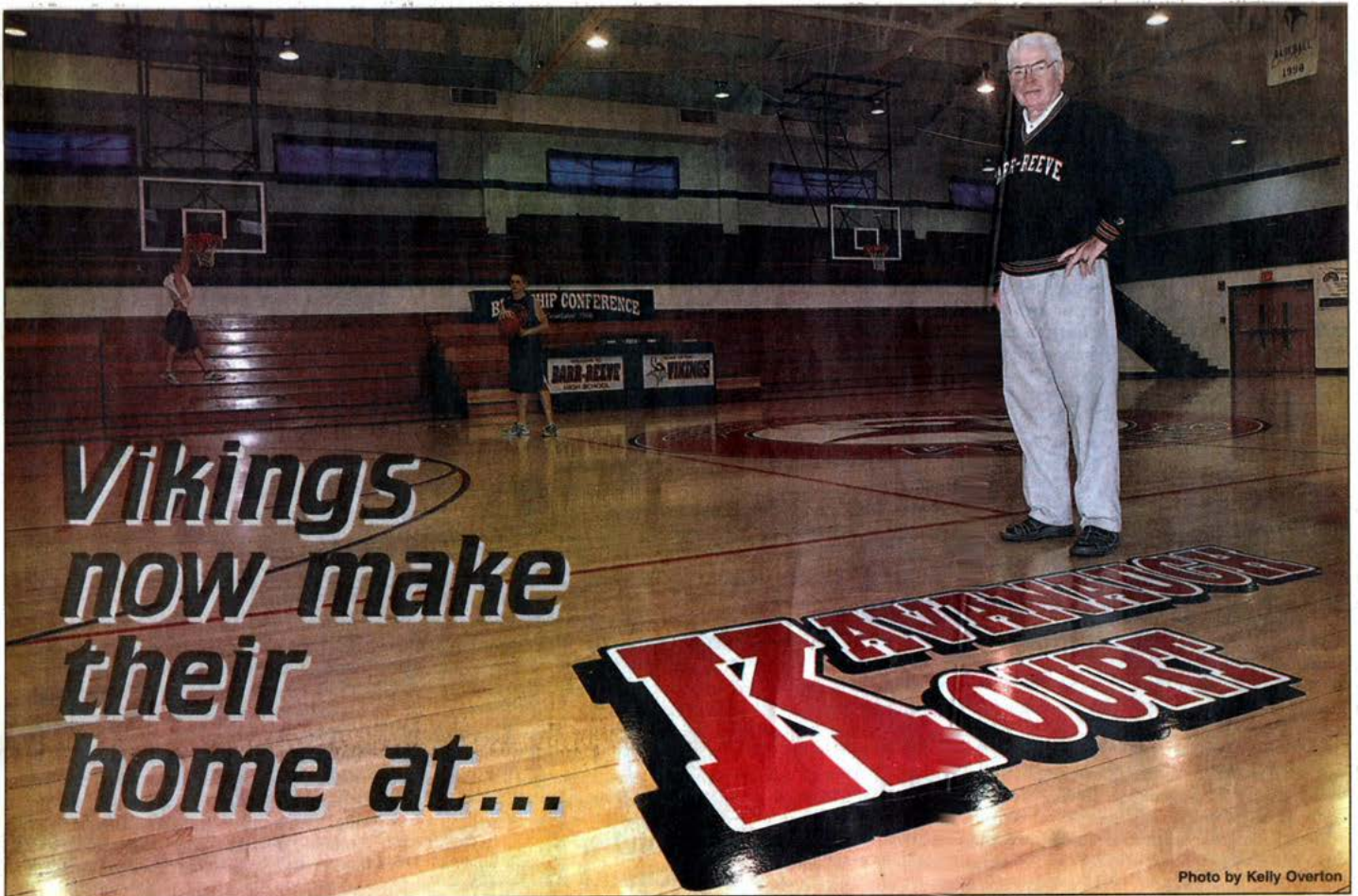
*Above: Coach Tim Kavanaugh Talks to Son Kevin. The Picture above shows Coach Tim Kavanaugh as he goes to the mound to talk with his son Kevin Kavanaugh in the Little League game at Williamsport PA. in August of 1984. The Team had previously won in Indianapolis and advanced to the Midwest where they won and went on to Williamsport.*

**Kevin Kavanaugh hits Game Winner:**

*Kevin Kavanaugh is congratulated by his teammates as he crosses home plate after he hit the game winning home run in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning of the final game to help his team win 4-3 to capture 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Little League World Series. Kevin was the leading hitter on the team.*



*Below: The following Article appeared in the Washington Times Herald the day of renaming the Barr-Reeve Gym Floor to Kavanaugh Kourt. The date was December 5, 2009. Barr-Reeve played Orleans that night and came away with a close win.*



**Vikings  
now make  
their  
home at...**

Photo by Kelly Overton

## Barr-Reeve honors former teacher, 'role player'

By TODD LANCASTER  
Sports Editor

All across America, ballparks, courts and arenas often bear the name of some storied coach or legendary athlete. These men and women often have been the focal point of some moment of glory or some towering achievement which elevates them to legendary status.

However, tonight at Barr-Reeve High School, they will dedicate their basketball court to a man who is self-described as "role player." He is someone who may consider himself more in the shadows of Vikings' enormous success on the hardwood, but for those who know him and his accomplishments, a word like "foundation" may be more accurate.

Tonight, the floor that has seen so much

success, will officially get a new name — Kavanaugh Kourt — named after long-time teacher, mentor and coach Charles Albert Kavanaugh.

And the funny thing is, basketball is just a small part of the honor.

Kavanaugh, 69, hopes the renaming of the court brings attention to how service and dedication to one's school and community are just as important as the wins and losses of a coach.

"I'm just humbled by this. The goodness, kindness, support, friendship and inspiration of this place is just humbling, and I'm just glad to have been a part of it. I accept this, and don't know if I deserve it, but accept this honor in the name of all those who have been a part of the Barr-Reeve story for all these years," said Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh's tireless work at so many levels of the basketball program, athletic department and school will be recognized with a plaque on the wall near where he has served as the emcee for so many memorable nights of Viking basketball. The floor also received a new graphic this summer that will keep Kavanaugh's name prominently displayed in a place where his efforts have been showcased through the skills of those who received his tutelage on countless Saturday mornings.

Kavanaugh is always happy to talk about basketball and the things that they have accomplished at B-R, but he quickly points to the other things that he is most proud of, like the number of students they have helped through the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation. He is very pleased with what he helped contribute to the Barr-

Reeve yearbook for so many years or the daily interaction with students for 42 years in the classroom.

"We have collectively helped 429 former students with the almost \$286,000 for college. One of the things I'm most proud of is being one of the founding members of that Foundation," said Kavanaugh.

But his work on the court has also been impressive. Between his many years at different levels, Kavanaugh has amassed roughly 750 wins and taught countless youngsters the value of hard work and team play.

"I think I have learned in my years here that no one does anything alone," said Kavanaugh. "I have always considered myself a member of the supporting cast. I think more than anything else it is the

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support and stability we have had in the leadership roles here that have allowed this to happen. The superintendents, principals and head coaches, people like Joe Todrank, Dave Omer and Bryan Hughes made major impacts, and that made it very easy for me to me to say 'Hey, let's keep things going down here in the grades.'

"Each principal, superintendent and coach brought his or her own special talents here. I don't want to forget the assistants, too. Joe Rademacher and Mark Holt are now with the girls program, but they are examples of the great assistant coaches we have had."

Barr-Reeve principal Travis Madison said naming the court after Kavanaugh was more of a "when" than anything else.

"This has been brewing for at least five years," said Madison. "We talked to the board about it, and it was really just about finding a way to do it in a way that was acceptable to Albert. He is a very humble man and we wanted to do something he would like. At first we thought about naming the new gym after him, because that is where he worked with so many kids. But really, he has been so dedicated to the school in so many ways, it made more sense to do this."

"Growing up in the area (in Washington), it was obvious the presence he has

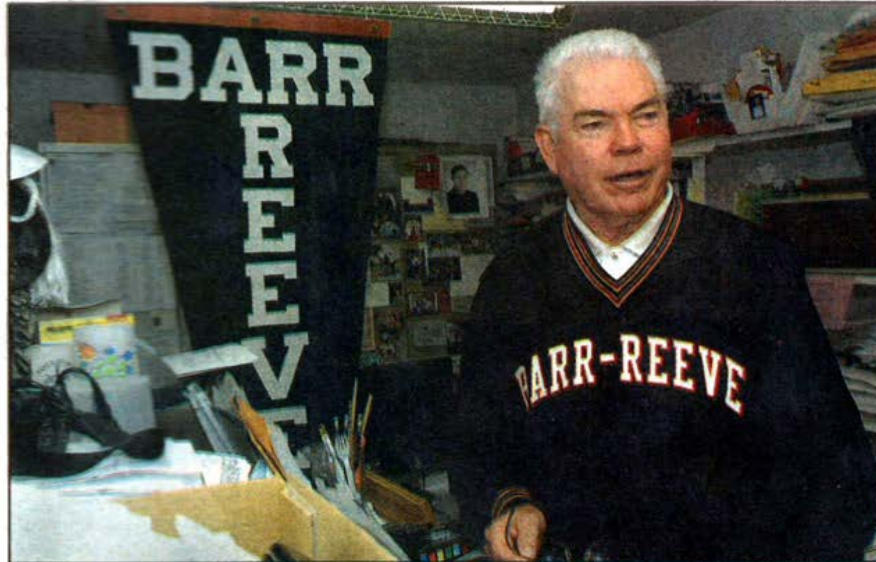


Photo By Kelly Overton

The coach, former teacher, Athletic Business Manager, Yearbook Advisor and other titles in his office at Barr-Reeve High School. Charles Albert Kavanaugh will be honored for years of service to Barr-Reeve today with the dedication of "Kavanaugh Kourt."

had here. But after working with him every day, I understand so much more about the things he has done. It is hard to separate Albert from Barr-Reeve basketball to me," added Madison.

Coach Hughes, who has taken a pair of teams to state finals in the last eight years, has maybe had the best understanding of what his elder has done for B-R during Kavanaugh's 30-plus years watching over the elementary program.

"He just has so much passion and that has been evident for the 18 years I've been here," said Hughes. "A good part of the success we have had at the junior high and high school has come from the success they

have had at the elementary. You might call it 'old school' what he has done, but what it really is, is fundamental basketball. It's the little things like learning to use your off hand. Those are the things that help prepare a player. They have never been about just rolling out the ball and letting kids scrimmage. They have always stressed fundamentals."

Superintendent Brian Harmon was quick to agree that it is a most deserved honor.

"I can't think of anyone who has done more service to this school and community than Albert," said Harmon. "He has had such an impact with the things he has done on the general

level. But maybe even more importantly, it is the impact he has had on the individual, taking an interest in them as people. The little things he has done is just amazing."

Kavanaugh is quick to point out that he has received a lot of help over the years with the elementary program. He quickly can rattle off the names Bret Graber, Tony Showalter, Dwayne Murphy, Mark Graber, Steve Bullock, Kraig Knepp, Scott Gladish, Tyson Wagler and Alex Knepp as just some of those who have given their time to the school and program.

Murphy has been with Albert for the last 16 years, and says Kavanaugh's patience is what was most

impressive to him.

"He is just so patient with the kids. He always knows the right thing to say and when to say it," said Murphy. "It says a lot about someone's place in a community when you name a gym after a fifth and sixth grade coach."

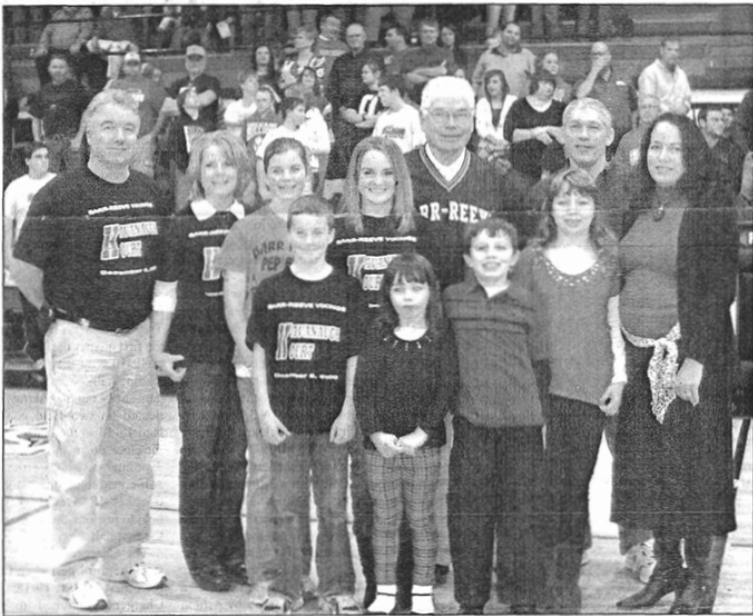
Bret Graber was asked by Kavanaugh to help out with the new elementary program when he was just a sophomore at Barr-Reeve. Now, 33 years later both are still part of the program, as Graber is now the eighth grade coach.

"The best thing about our relationship is the chance to ask him 'What do you think?' Those words are probably not heard as much as they used to, but I still ask. (Former B-R) Coach (Joe) Todrank always told me to ask Albert questions if I needed advice about things when Coach Todrank left."

Kavanaugh's many memories, pictures of friends and accomplishments, more than fill the walls of the small office he still holds in the school, despite his retirement six years ago.

If his 48 years could be summed up in just a few words, it might be from one of the plaques in his office that says:

"The greatest trophy in life is not what your profession or job awards you, but rather what your job or profession allows you to give back or pass onto others."



-Photo by Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

## Albert Kavanaugh's family joins him on Kavanaugh Kourt

Pictured is Albert Kavanaugh's family as they joined him on Kavanaugh Kourt moments after the dedication. Principal Travis Madison invited them to join their dad and grandfather at center court. Pictured in front row, (L-R) Cameron Kavanaugh, Sydney Anderson, JD Anderson, and Abby Anderson. Middle row are Elaina Kavanaugh and Haley Kavanaugh and back row, (L-R) Mike and Michelle Kavanaugh, Albert Kavanaugh, and Jim and Debbie Anderson. Mike Kavanaugh and Debbie (Kavanaugh) Anderson are Albert's children. Following the game a reception was held in the Barr-Reeve High School Cafeteria.



## Dedication of Kavanaugh Kourt at Barr-Reeve

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.  
Sports writer

During a dedication ceremony Brian Harmon, Superintendent of Barr-Reeve Schools presented Albert Kavanaugh with a plaque dedicating the gym floor in his honor at Barr-Reeve as "Kavanaugh Kourt". Assisting Harmon was Bryan Hughes Barr-Reeve Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach, and Barr-Reeve Principal Travis Madison. The dedication was made between the junior varsity and varsity basketball game as Barr-Reeve hosted Orleans. A large plaque was also unveiled on the wall just above the entrance where Mr. Kavanaugh has made the team introductions and announcements for many years there at Barr-Reeve.

cept this honor for all the players who have played for Barr-Reeve and for all the coaches who I have been honored to work with in my 48 years at Barr-Reeve." According to Albert Kavanaugh, no one does anything by themselves. He went on to say, "I had a lot of help along the way and sometimes you just do what you have to do. My parents taught us to do our best at whatever we do and through time we have been able to accomplish a great deal. I look back at the kids we have been able to help through the scholarship fund and I feel very good about that. In time you can get a lot done if you just stay with it. I am so grateful to all who have helped me to do so much over the years. I have been so blessed!"

Following the game a large reception and presentations were made in the high school cafeteria. A large crowd turned out to honor the man who has given so much to the school and the community. When it came time for Mr. K to take the microphone he thanked all the many individuals who have helped him along the way. He said, "I ac-

Kavanaugh then introduced his son, Michael and his family from Cannelburg, and his daughter, Debbie and her family from Bloomington. Kavanaugh also introduced 8 of the 9 brothers and sisters who were able to make it to this special event. His sister, Charlotte from St. Louis, was not able to make it and Albert had one brother, Tim, who passed away this past summer.

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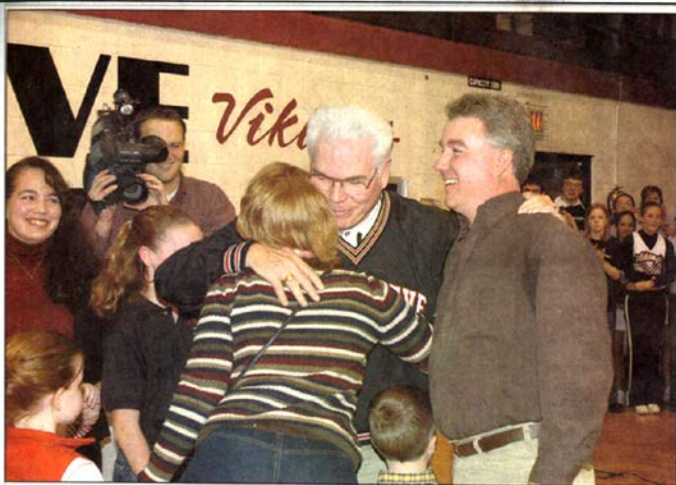


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Barr-Reeve teacher and coach Charles Albert Kavanaugh (center) hugs his daughter-in-law Michelle and son Mike while the rest of his family, including daughter Debbie Anderson (far left) and grandchildren look on. Kavanaugh was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Ind. Gov. Joe Kernan and was presented with the award Tuesday.

## Barr-Reeve teacher honored

By Mike Myers  
Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY — Dave Crooks may be the Voice of the Hatchets, but Tuesday the Democratic state representative was in Montgomery to present the state's most prestigious award to a very special Viking.

On behalf of Ind. Gov. Joe Kernan, Crooks proclaimed Barr-Reeve High

School teacher, coach and community icon Charles Albert Kavanaugh a Sagamore of the Wabash prior to the Vikings' boys basketball game with White River Valley.

The term Sagamore of the Wabash was used by Monticombians United States Native Americans to describe "a lesser chief or other great person among the tribe to whom the chief would look for wisdom and advice." Crooks read a let-

ter from Kernan which lauded Kavanaugh as the perfect epitome of the award.

"You, Albert, certainly fit that description. You have distinguished yourself by your humanity, your loyalty in friendship, your wisdom in council and your inspiration in leadership," wrote Kernan. "Thank you again, Albert for the con-

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Newspaper Article on the Presentation of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award presented to Albert Kavanaugh on February 24, 2004.

Times-Herald, Washington, Indiana



Ind. Rep. Dave Crooks (left) presented Charles Albert Kavanaugh with the Sagamore of the Wabash award at Barr-Reeve's basketball game with White River Valley on Tuesday.

Photo By Mike Myers

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tributions you have made to your state. Indiana is better off today because of your dedication to it and your fellow Hoosiers."

In addition, Crooks read a letter from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed which thanked Kavanaugh for his 42 years of service in education, all at Barr-Reeve.

On hand for the presentation were Kavanaugh's mother, Catherine, his son and daughter-in-law Mike and Michelle Kavanaugh of Cannelburg, daughter Debbie and son-in-law Jim Anderson of Bloomington, and his six grandchildren.

The award was a surprise to Kavanaugh, who called it a "total shock" when Barr-

Reeve principal Travis Madison asked to take the microphone just as Kavanaugh — the public address announcer for Viking home games — was about to ask the crowd to rise for the national anthem. Madison thanked Barr-Reeve teacher Brett Graber for spearheading Kavanaugh's nomination, then introduced Crooks.

Following the presentation, Kavanaugh said many people had a part of his accomplishment.

"I just can't say enough to thank the good Lord for the good health, all the good folks, the supportive people, that I've been fortunate enough to work with here. And school board people, school administrators, and inspiring students," said Kavanaugh. "Nobody does

things oneself. You just have to have people to help you out. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the success here."

In addition to his numerous school activities and teaching career, Kavanaugh is active in many community organizations, including the Montgomery Ruritan Club and the Daviess County Community Foundation. But he listed as perhaps his most lasting contribution the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation, a group he founded in 1988 and which has awarded \$189,000 to Barr-Reeve graduates and post-graduates for college studies or vocational training.

Kavanaugh will retire from teaching after this season but will remain active school and community activities.

*Loogootee Re-Names St. John's Gymnasium after Lee Kavanaugh  
January 14 of 2012*



*Left: Lee Kavanaugh (left) with Loogootee Principal John Mullen as they pose near the plaque on the wall at the renamed Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium. (Formerly the St. John's Gymnasium)*



*Below left is the presentation of the banner that now hangs in the old St. John's Gym which was renamed the "Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium". This was done on January 14, 2012 during the Loogootee Barr-Reeve Game. It was one of the largest crowds ever in Jack Butcher Arena to witness a Loogootee Game. A large delegation of Lee's Family was on hand for the presentation and for the reception that followed in the Cafeteria. Family Members then moved to the Family Farm to continue the celebration. The Presentation above was done by Loogootee School Officials Principal John Mullen, Superintendent, Mayor Noel Harty, and Athletic Director.*

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SECTION TWO

## January 14 declared Lee Kavanaugh Day

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Kavanaugh was a history and business teacher in the Loogootee Community School Corporation, working as an educator for 34 years from 1963 to 1997, and

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that Robert Lee Kavanaugh has made to the sport of boys basketball at Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School, he is deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Kavanaugh first coached seventh and eighth grade boys basketball at the former Crane School in 1963, and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Kavanaugh coached at the junior high level for 43 years altogether, the vast majority as Loogootee Junior High coach before retiring the position in the summer of 2011, and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Kavanaugh amassed a

remarkable 764-229 overall basketball record, which represents a 77% career winning percentage, inside the coaching box of the local hardwood, and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Kavanaugh has not only helped hundreds of young men develop their fundamental basketball skills but also is still highly recognized as one of the persons at the very core of the Loogootee basketball tradition, and

WHEREAS, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Robert Lee Kavanaugh for his efforts in putting Loogootee basketball on the map and specifically for his contribution to teaching basketball fundamentals at the junior high level.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NOEL HARTY, Mayor of the City of Loogootee, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 14, 2012 as **LEE KAVANAUGH DAY**



*Above: The Picture was taken of Lee's Brothers/Sisters as they gathered at the Family Farm after the Celebration in Loogootee. Pictured above are (L-R) Mark, Dave, Johnny, Charlotte, Steve, Lee holding the plaque presented to him from his family, Albert, Kay and Louie Jr.*

# Kavanaugh

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and Tim Nonte (then the JV and freshman coach at Loogootee) and Mr. Butcher came down and asked me to come up and coach the junior high," Kavanaugh recalled. "I actually started training them in 1963. I had Trout (Jim, the 1970 Trester Award Winner for Loogootee's first Final Four squad) and Canada (Brian, the school's all-time leading scorer) back at the old St. John's school. Back in those days you had fifth through eighth together, and Canada was good enough as a fifth grader to start on the eighth-grade team.

"Then they moved St. John's in with Loogootee. I went to Jasper a short time, and they came and got me back. That was the 1968-69 season."

Kavanaugh has been a rock foundation in Loogootee since, teaching business for 25 years and history for 13 more, while performing his duties as a professor of basketball basics all along.

"We pride ourselves in Loogootee on fundamentals," he said. "Being a Class A school, we just have to or we couldn't compete with some of the bigger schools we play."

There's another reason why Lee delved into coaching. He wanted to duel one of his siblings in the basketball-loving Kavanaugh enclave.

"My brother, Albert, coaches sixth-grade at Barr-Reeve, so there's probably a little bit of competition there," he said with a wry smile. "Barr-Reeve and Loogootee have a tremendous rivalry, and he's instrumental in teaching Barr-Reeve's boys and getting them ready, learning the fundamentals. So it's a friendly rivalry between my brother and me, but a rivalry nonetheless."

Kavanaugh insists he's calling it quits after this season, but the knowledge that he helped many players prepare to play for Butcher gives him pride, and the occasions when those young men stop by and thank him provides the pleasure.

"Mr. Butcher and I pretty much worked together over the years," Kavanaugh said. "Jack passed down what he wanted and we tried to implement what he wanted the kids to learn. Now Steve Brett has taken over the varsity and he's done an excellent job of instructing us on what he'd like the boys to learn."

"We try to get them fundamentally sound and ready to move on to the next level, and for the most part the boys are very receptive. We've been very fortunate in Loogootee over the years to have very cooperative parents, as well as kids who really want to play basketball. That makes my job a lot easier."

"Without a doubt one of the best things about it is to see the kids have success in high school. Then when they come back and thank you for what you've done for them it makes me especially happy."

"And the people of Loogootee have been so nice. That's what I'm happy with the most."

Times-Mail Sports Writer Jeff Bartlett welcomes comments at 277-7285 or by e-mail at jeffb@tnnews.com.



BEDFORD — Lee Kavanaugh provides instruction from the sideline to his seventh-grade team during a recent game at Bedford Middle School.

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## 38th and final

### Kavanaugh led the feeder system for Jack Butcher

By JEFF BARTLETT  
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**LOOGOOTE** — The legend of Loogootee basketball stretches far and wide, and virtually every aficionado of the sport in our hoops-hugging state knows that Hall of Fame coach Jack Butcher led the Lions for 45 seasons, while becoming Indiana's all-time leader in coaching victories with 806 before retiring in 2002.

What is far less well-known is the story of the member of the Kavanaugh Klan who got away from Montgomery and prepared Butcher's boys for 37 of those 45 seasons.

That's the Lee Kavanaugh Story. Kavanaugh is now in his 38th, and final — according to his own declaration — season as the coach of the Loogootee Middle School basketball program. In an era when ambition leads to frequent transition, Kavanaugh has been a source of unyielding loyalty, and he's played no small part in Loogootee's long run of success.

"Lee Kavanaugh is with out a doubt a unique story in the annals of Hoosier Hysteria," Butcher said. "He dedicated himself to the Loogootee basketball program for 37 years during my tenure and even though he is retired from teaching, he still dedicates himself to the program. We actually recruited Lee back from Jasper to coach in our grade-school program."

"Over the years, Lee had the opportunity to move up to the freshman and/or B-team job. However, we felt he did such an outstanding job with the grade school, teaching fundamentals, that we asked him to remain at that level. How many men would have accepted that situation?"

"To the many generations of kids Lee has coached, he occupies a special place in their memories. Lee is a special person to me and to the Loogootee basketball program."

Though middle school records aren't nearly as detailed and chronicled as high school, the 66-year old Kavanaugh has an estimated 650 to 700 career victories while guiding the seventh- and eighth-grade squads, and often times both in the



BEDFORD — Lee Kavanaugh directs his seventh-grade team during action in Bedford last Saturday.

Times-Mail / GARET COBB



same season.

"I thought about moving up to high school level at times," Kavanaugh said, "but it would have taken a lot away from my family and things such as that, and I just really enjoyed the grade-school/middle-school atmosphere."

These days he's coaching the seventh-graders, leaving the eighth-grade to his heir apparent, Mike Winingier. But there's plenty of savvy left in the old mentor. His current squad is 11-2 and recently captured the championship of the Mr. Cutter Classic in Bedford with a 32-28 upset of the host squad in the title tilt.

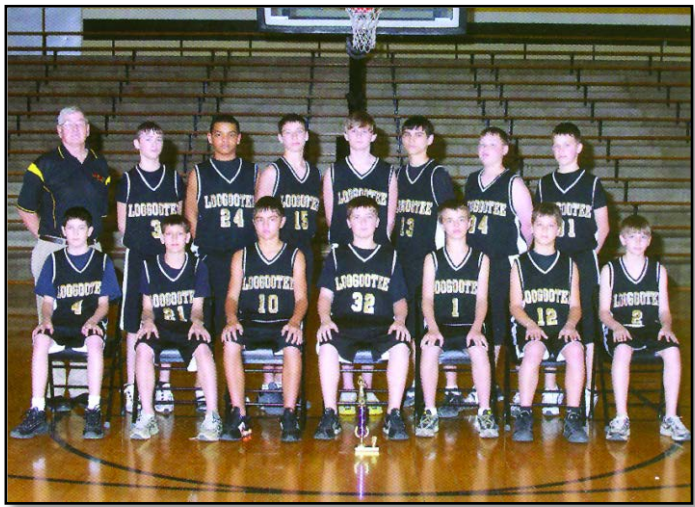
"The kids are finally playing like we want them to, at least halfway setting up the offense and being patient," Kavanaugh said. "We're starting to put things together. The biggest problem with coaching seventh-grade is they make a mistake and then they put their heads down, get down on themselves. I think this current team is beginning to realize that once it's done it's done. You learn from it and you move on."

Kavanaugh got into coaching for a very good reason: Jack Butcher came calling.

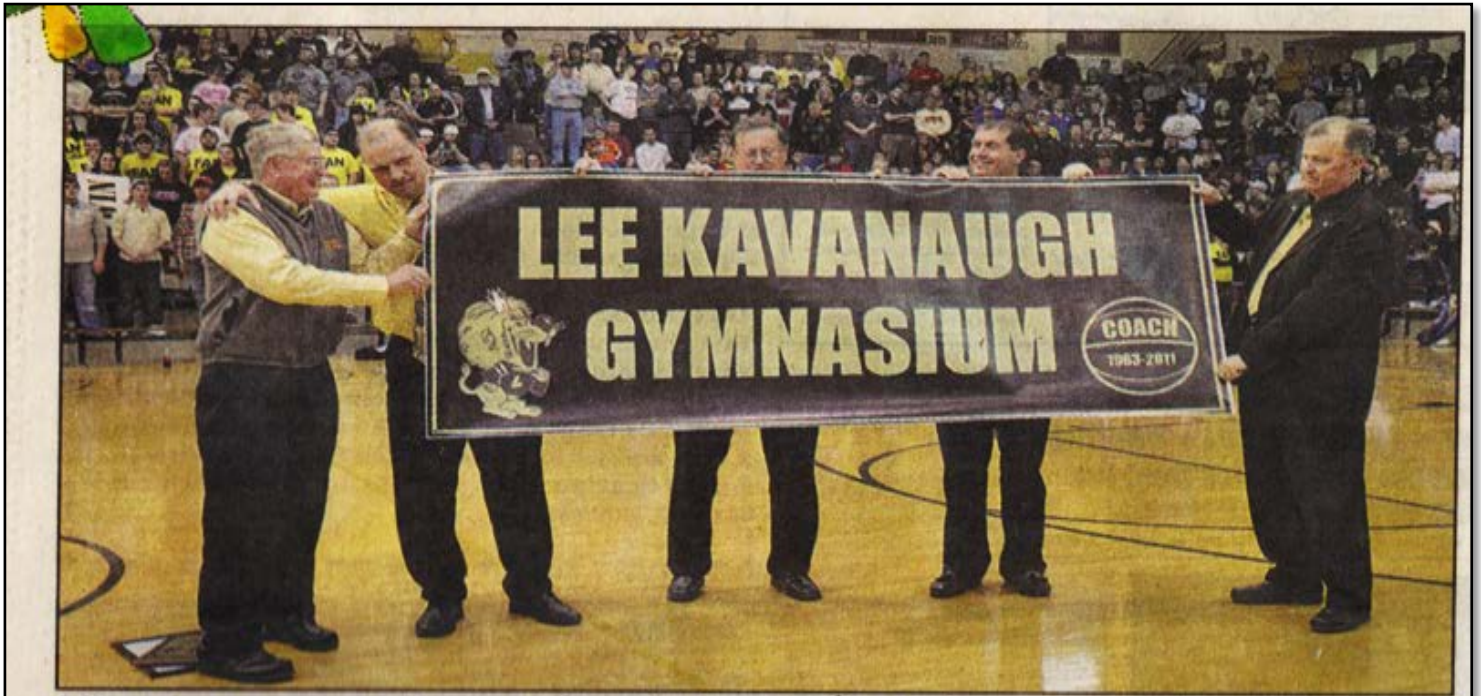
"I was teaching down in Jasper

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*Left: The Following article appeared in the Bedford Newspaper Just after Lee's retirement from coaching Jr. High at Loogootee. Lee retired from Coaching after the 2011 season.*



*Below: The Following Article Appeared in the Loogootee Tribune the following week after Lee's Big Night.*



## Kavanaugh gets his court

-Photo by Rae Greene

Pictured are (L-R): Lee Kavanaugh, LHS Principal John Mullen, LHS Superintendent Larry Weitkamp, Mayor Noel Harty and Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Bill Powell.

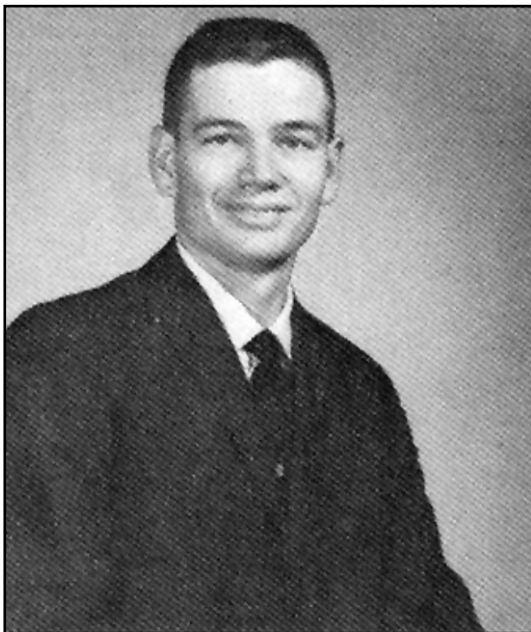
**By Rae Greene**  
Staff Writer

On a very special night for the Loogootee basketball family, Loogootee's

own Lee Kavanaugh received a truly awesome award from Loogootee High School during the Loogootee/Barr-Reeve game on Saturday, January,

14, 2012; the St. John/East Gym has been renamed the Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium in honor of Mr. Kavanaugh's outstanding service to the school and

the basketball program. Mayor Noel Harty presented Coach Kavanaugh the official proclamation  
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## KAVANAUGH

that January 14, 2012 would be known as "Lee Kavanaugh Day". Coach was also presented with two lifetime courtesy passes to all of Loogootee High School sponsored home athletic events, as well as a plaque recognizing his commitment to 43 seasons as a Loogootee Junior High Basketball Coach. Lee Kavanaugh's overall record stands at 764 wins with 229 losses, giving him a winning percentage of 77%.

Lee graduated from Montgomery High School and began his coaching career for Loogootee in 1963 at the Crane School. After

teaching and coaching in the Jasper schools for two years, he was coaxed back by Coaches Butcher and Nonte to take over the junior high coaching position, where in his first year, 1971, his seventh and eighth grade teams were a perfect 23-0 and 25-0. Just a few members of those undefeated junior high teams were Billy Butcher, Mark Riggins, Kenny Mattingly, and Kenny Nigg. It is also noted that his 1979 eighth grade team also went undefeated at 21-0.

During Kavanaugh's career as a Loogootee coach, he suffered only one

losing season, that being in 1994-95. In a very unselfish gesture, he then made a request to give up the eighth grade position in order to concentrate all his efforts teaching the basic fundamental skills to the seventh grade teams.

Coach Lee Kavanaugh has left his mark in the history of the Loogootee basketball program. His record can only be compared to Coach Butcher. How remarkable is it, that LHS is honored at having not one, but two legends in the state basketball world? Congratulations Coach Lee Kavanaugh!

*Below: The Tribute to Lee Kavanaugh appeared in the "Official Loogootee Program" during the 2011-12 Season.*

## Loogootee's Version of Kavanaugh and His Court



Lee Kavanaugh 1964

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While the dandy duo of Butcher and Nante were coming off the varsity basketball-high 1970 Final Four appearance in Indy, Kavanaugh coached up the seventh and eighth grades the following winter to the tune of perfect 23-0 and 25-0 slates respectively, giving him a remarkable 48 wins against no defeats in the winter of 1971 with players the likes of Billy Butcher, Mark Riggins, Kenny Mattingly, and Kenny Nigg, whom, similar to the path of Trout and Canada, would go on to lead the celebrated 1975 Lion product to an appearance in the state championship at newly constructed Market Square Arena.

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Coach Lee Kavanaugh's 2005-06 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team

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Lee Kavanaugh 2010



Retired Coach Lee Kavanaugh, left, shares advice with former LIS player, Chad Wade, Class of 1991



Coach Lee Kavanaugh 2009



Coach Lee Kavanaugh 1997

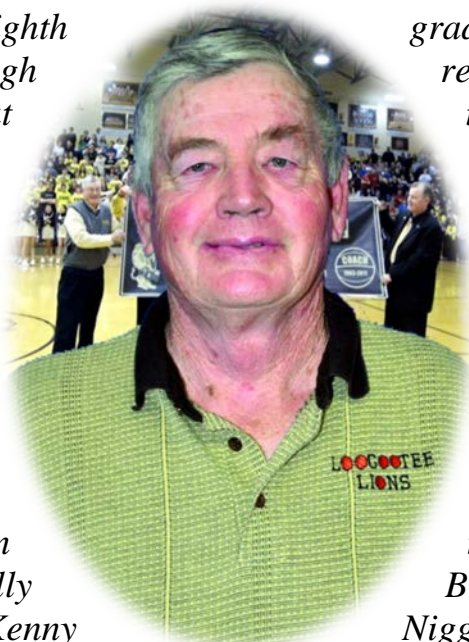


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In fact, Lee's Gym became official on January 14, 2012 before the start of the annual Loogootee versus Barr-Reeve boys' basketball contest. In front of several thousand fans and nearly all of Lee's family, Coach Kavanaugh was presented with a banner from Principal John Mullen that forever honors his namesake. A commemorative banner and Z-bronze plaque recognizing Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium adorns the walls at the former St. John's and Elementary East School.

Sadly, Coach Kavanaugh passed away unexpectedly this summer on June 19, 2013. We remember Robert Lee Kavanaugh as a Loogootee Teacher, Coach, and Friend. No doubt his keen eyes and big heart from above will remain with the Lions as they continue to remember the man who instilled pride and tradition into the Loogootee Program.

# Remembering Lee Kavanaugh



LEE KAVANAUGH

## By His Brother Old Lou

The sudden passing of my brother Lee Kavanaugh has left the family in shock and it will definitely leave a void in our community. As I so affectionately referred to him as my half-brother because of his strong opinions on Barr-Reeve we had many conversations on Barr-Reeve/Loogootee sports but I don't think I convinced him on anything.

I want to assure you I had the utmost respect for his accomplishments and for his contributions to Loogootee sports and to the community. For all that knew him, realized he always went at anything he took on and gave it 110%. His involvement in sports was a big part of his life but what he did for the community and his church and St. Vincent De Paul was truly remarkable. He served as past president and board member of the Montgomery Ruritan Club, was president of the St. Peter's St. Vincent De Paul Society and worked at the Washington St. Vincent De Paul Store and was on St. Peter's Parish Council and was always available for any project that Father Jim needed done around St. Peter's Church or St. Peter's Cemetery. He also sang in the St. Peter's Choir with his brothers Dave and me and sang for many funerals over the years. Last week was the first funeral he has missed

he was a Viking fan when his kids were in playing. He lived and died with the kids and he and Irma traveled all over to watch them play. Needless to say his boys were pretty good players at whatever they did. When Lee's oldest son Jeff was playing he still was the assistant baseball coach for Tim Nonte at Loogootee. The story is told that one time when Barr-Reeve and Loogootee were playing and son Jeff was on first base Tim Nonte flashed the pick-off sign and Lee who was coaching for Loogootee immediately hollered to his son at first "Get back Jeff". Needless to say it did not go unnoticed by Coach Nonte but I do think he realized that blood is thicker than water.

There is much more I could say about my older brother but not enough room here. He was willing to help anyone but they better be willing to help themselves. He was considered to be very frugal with his money but so many people have come forward and said Lee gave them money at their time of need. He was raised from humble beginnings and from the way he lived his life he was very humble. His parents instilled into Lee a strong work ethic and he accomplished so much in his lifetime. You would have thought his life revolved around sports, but his church and his faith was the center of his life. Yes we butted heads a lot over Barr-Reeve and Loogootee sports but in the end, I am proud of what Lee accomplished and the way he lived his life. I was happy to be there at the end and hopefully give some comfort to Irma and his sons in those last hours. No, Lee was not my half brother, he was my brother and proud of him. We will always remember Lee, May The Good Lord Lead Him to His Heavenly Reward! Old Lou

The following was the eulogy that was given at Lee Kavanaugh's funeral by his three sons, Jason, Steven and Jeff Kavanaugh.

## By Jason Kavanaugh

First and foremost, I want to thank the com-

munities of Montgomery, Loogootee, Washington and others for the overwhelming support you have shown us. It is truly appreciated.

As many of you may know, my dad had certain phrases that are distinctively his. Whether in school, sports, or everyday activities, he commonly used them. Listed below are just a few and what they actually meant to Dad:

'Old Buddy, Old Pal' - Commonly used after a given name (Steve, Mark, Tim, Dave), it was always followed with the promise of a small activity that would last only 10-15 minutes, though the activity was seldom small and always lasted longer. The meaning was actually a call to volunteer. Many times dad and his brothers and friends could be found delivering vegetables to Feed my Sheep, working at St. Vincent de Paul, or simply landscaping around church.

'Do the Little Things' - Dad had a habit of saying this usually when we tried to get 'fancy' with a basketball drill or trying to do something quickly just to get done. What he realized, which many times I failed to, it's the little things that are the most vital. Paying attention to detail and the little things is what makes big things happen.

'Standing in a Strain' - Often this was said when Dad didn't think we were quick enough to help. It is a call to be present, put forth effort, and work. Dad was never one to stand in a strain, and more often than not, he was the one leading the effort. He was quick to volunteer, early to arrive, and usually last to leave. He had the most dedicated work ethic, always seeing the job through to the end, regardless of size or amount of time required.

Though he may no longer be physically with us, I know in my heart he will continue to be teaching me to the end of my days. I pray that I can be the example to my boys as he has been the example for me.

Dad, you will always be my 'Old Buddy, Old Pal'. You have always 'Done the Little Things' for a

successful life, and would never be accused of 'Standing in a Strain'. I could not be more blessed or proud to be called 'Lee's Son.'

## By Steven Kavanaugh

As you know, politicians have always used education as part of their platform for change. I believe they must have heard my dad say "This is the worst team I have ever had" forty years in a row. We may have believed that if we didn't know the season records of 19-2, 17-4 and so on. Only when one of us three were playing would he root against his beloved Loogootee Lions. Like with his school, whatever Dad did he gave it his all. Whether it was the Ruritan, St. Vincent DePaul, or St. Peter's church, his heart and soul went into everything he did. This was especially true with his family. He was someone we could all count on. I know as I now reflect how he lived his life makes me want to be a better husband, a better father, a better brother, and still be a better son. As a steward of the land, and a faithful servant to the Lord, no one person should be asked to fill the

crater that is left. But perhaps if we all took a little more time to help each of our communities, churches, and organizations that help the less fortunate, it would be a legacy worth the Lord's faithful servant that we lost.

## By Jeff Kavanaugh

My, my, we could cover so many things - all stories of a life well lived. We could mention the springs and summers on the diamond, or the falls and winters on the court. We could mention the daily Mass for 40 straight days in Lent, or even putting out 3 acres of garden by hand, so we "wouldn't get bored." However, I will just add a couple more items to what Jason and Steven have already said.

How many of you ever listened to dad talk about the weather? Even though he had his other passions, he could get so excited about temperature, humidity, and rain. As an example, at our family reunion last summer we received a light rain. The uncles knew

that Dad would check that rain gauge, so before he arrived someone quickly poured nearly an inch of water in the gauge by the barn. Sure enough, Dad goes up and checks: "We got nine-tenths (0.9) of an inch!" Dad was so excited about that 0.9, no one had the heart to tell him it was a setup. That was vintage Dad - he was like a little kid sometimes, so excited about the simple things that you couldn't help but laugh. He knew every detail about the land, as a gardener and as a farmer, and loved talking with his farming friends like the Armes and Boyds. He could tell a tree just by the bark, and without seeing the leaves, those more obvious clues the rest of us needed. In some respects that was a metaphor for his life - he knew the truly important things in life without needing to have all the facts.

Dad was also a spiritual person and believed in religious tolerance, and I see both faiths represented here today - both Barr-Reeve and Loogootee. After all, sports is also religion in these parts.

Dad coached the three of us boys formally through the lower grades, and informally through high school, and sometimes it led to some trouble. During my years Loogootee was usually just too good, especially in baseball. During the Barr-Reeve - Loogootee baseball game, I was leading off first base when the Loogootee pitcher suddenly threw to first in a pickoff attempt. You heard someone yell from the dugout, "Get back!" Makes sense, except it came from the Loogootee dugout! Even in the heat of battle, Dad could not resist trying to coach me to be better. I do believe that deep down Tim Nonte actually liked it, because he held that one over my Dad for years to come.

So what does it all mean? Dad touched so many people, in so many ways, for so many years. But in the end, it is simply this: I love him, respect him, and the way he lived his life, Dad still inspires me to try to be a better man. Thank you.

# Kavanaugh lands dream job with state baseball final

By TED SCHULTZ  
Sports Editor

Twenty years ago this summer, David Kavanaugh spent most of his evenings umpiring adult league softball games in his hometown of Montgomery to earn a little extra cash.

Little did he know that experience would be the beginning of a officiating career that would include eight state tournaments and numerous other semi-state and regional tournament gigs.

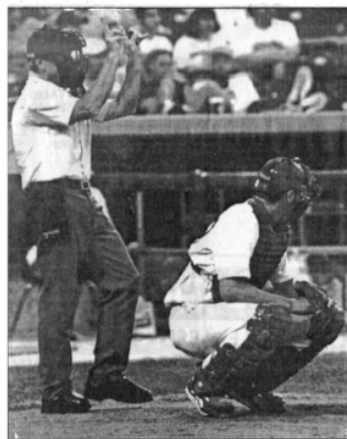
Joe Todrank, Barr-Reeve's athletic director and basketball coach and coordinator of the Montgomery Adult Softball League at the time, suggested Kavanaugh obtain an umpiring license for baseball. Twenty years later, he has umpired three state baseball tournaments, including Saturday's final one-class event, in which he had the home plate assignment for Jasper's 10-8 championship game win over Carmel.

"I did a lot of adult league softball and (Todrank) talked me into getting my baseball license," Kavanaugh said. "He told me I could work a lot of games. Then the next year, he told me I ought to get my basketball license and get some work during the winter."

The 49-year-old Kavanaugh, who has also officiated the state volleyball tournament three times and the state girls basketball tournament twice, has made it as far as the semi-state level in boys basketball. He called the Indianapolis Semi-State at Hinkle Fieldhouse this winter and will be eligible for his first state tournament next season.

"What's ironic is that in basketball, I thought about maybe working as high as freshman (level). But one thing led to another and everything kind of took off from there."

But the highlight of his career



Kavanaugh signals a 1-1 count.

came Saturday night in the first state tournament held at Victory Field in Indianapolis. After umpiring third base in the Jasper-Richmond semifinal and the right field line in the Carmel-Ft. Wayne Northrop, he was behind the plate for what could be the final one-class championship game in any sport in Indiana.

"It was very special for a couple of reasons," Kavanaugh said. "For one thing, it was the last open class state tournament that may ever be played in baseball and secondly, this was the first tournament that was held at Victory Field and it's a beautiful place to play. Anytime you get to call at that level, especially in baseball when you're ranking is based strictly on the coaches' vote, it's a good feeling because you know that they have a lot of faith in you."

Much to Kavanaugh's relief, he wasn't presented with any close calls during the title game.

"That's every official's nightmare - to have that one weird play or something that you have to make a ruling on it," Kavanaugh said. "Usually, either way you call it, it's going to be a memorable one, but that's the responsibility you take on when you put on a uniform. You hope it's decided by the kids, but that possibility always exists."

Kavanaugh, who also worked the state baseball tournament in 1988 and 1992 at Bush Stadium, was also happy to be joined by one of his fellow officials from the Southwest Indiana Officials Association. Jack Wall of Linton was making his state debut, working at second base and first base for the semifinals and on the left field line for the championship.

"I'm especially happy for Jack Wall," Kavanaugh said. "This had to be extra special for him and I was really happy for him. He's one of those guys that is not flashy, but just shows up and does a super job every game and he's been rewarded for his efforts."

In the 1992 state tournament, Kavanaugh was the No. 2 ranked umpire behind his longtime partner, Steve Fisher of Plainville.

Fisher, who is now the athletic director at North Posey, was behind the plate in the title game that year.

Kavanaugh credits much of his development as a baseball umpire to Fisher, as he does to Roberta Graber of Cannelburg as a volleyball official. Kavanaugh be-

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David Kavanaugh rings up a strikeout during last Saturday's state championship game.

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calling games in 1982 with Graber, who has worked the state volleyball tournament three times. "I was always blessed with a great partner," Kavanaugh said. "When you're calling with the best, you can't help but look good yourself."

The teacher at Loogootee Junior High for the last 28 years has also had plenty of practice. When he first began officiating and umpiring, he would call games nearly every day, including Sunday, when he would officiate adult league basketball games at the Daviess County YMCA.

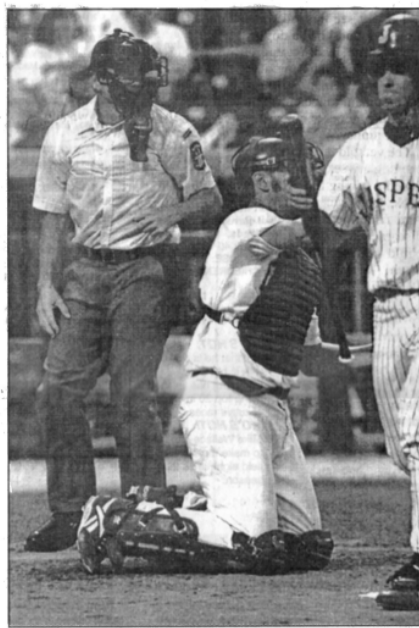
"I worked everything I could get my hands on," Kavanaugh said. "There were a few weeks that I called seven days a week."

"At first, it was just for the money, but then I really began to enjoy it. One of the things I will take away from officiating is the friendships and the class people that I've dealt with over the years. Most of the people that I work for are definitely class people."

Kavanaugh says his only regret is that he didn't get to see his son, David Jr., help Barr-Reeve to the regional baseball title in 1990 because he was umpiring at the Evansville Regional. He did get to see David in the semi-state the following week and has watched his daughters Kara, Kristi and Kayla play their respective sports as often as possible.

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A dejected Brayden Emry (right) of Jasper heads back to the dugout after Kavanaugh called him out on strikes to begin the game.

"As long as my health and physical abilities hold together, I think I'll probably stay with it a few years longer," Kavanaugh said. "The only thing I've promised myself is

that as long as I enjoy it and enjoy being around the people, I'll stick with it. When the day comes that I do not enjoy it, will be the day I get out."

*Left: This article appeared in the Washington Times Herald Sports Page on July 5, 1997. It was an article on Dave Kavanaugh's rise to the top while umpiring Baseball. Dave has done Volleyball, Baseball and Basketball Finals*

# Kavanaugh brothers inducted into Softball Hall of Fame



Lee Kavanaugh

Albert Kavanaugh

Dave Kavanaugh

**From Staff Reports**  
**BLOOMINGTON** — Montgomery residents Albert, Dave and Lee Kavanaugh were recently inducted into the Indiana Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremonies were held at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington and was the concluding event of the annual Indiana American Softball Association (ASA) convention. The 1996 class of softball inductees featured a total of eight players, five men and three women.

The Kavanaugh brothers played fast pitch softball for 20 years with nearly all of those playing years with the Montgomery Igleheart team beginning in the late 1950's through the 1960's and into the 1970's.

The team name changed to the Montgomery Merchants about 1968 and continued under that name until its last season of fast pitch play in 1976.

The Montgomery Igelheart-Merchants became consistent winners of the Washington Fast Pitch Softball League for many years.

In addition, the Montgomery team won district and semi-state championships at Washington, Shelbyville and Terre Haute consecutively from 1965 to 1970, with a state runner-up finish at Fort Wayne to their credit in 1969.

More district championships and two semi-state finalists were counted between 1972 and 1976. There were numerous invitational fast pitch tourney championships around Indiana and Illinois over the 18 years the Montgomery Igleheart-Merchants fielded a team.

Lee was recognized not only as an outstanding infielder but a feared batter as well. He was batting champion for the Washington Fast Pitch League on five different occasions. His lifetime batting average was over .370.

Albert played as an outfielder and first baseman compiling a .295 lifetime batting average. He served as player/manager from 1972 to 1976. He was the first Region 9 ASA director for four years and a local softball league commissioner and promoter for 16 years.

Pitching was Dave's forte. In addition to pitching for the Montgomery Merchants in the 1970's, he also pitched for teams in Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Vincennes and Lawrenceville, Ill. He compiled a 14-year fast pitch record of 213-42, including several MVP pitching recognitions for season and state tournament play during the 1970's.

Dave also pitched a perfect game during his career at Terre Haute during the 1972 season.

The Kavanaugh brothers have expressed the desire to accept this Hall of Fame honor in the name of their teammates, team manager and team sponsors of the 1960's and 1970's who also shared in ASA Fast Pitch State Tourney championships at the district, semi-state and state level of play.

Three former teammates now deceased are especially remembered—Marlin Murphy, Bob McCormick and Bob Miles.

Both Dave and Lee are teachers within the Loogootee School Corporation, while Albert teaches within the Barr-Reeve School Corporation.

*Right: The Following Article appeared in the Newspapers after the Kavanaugh Brothers Lee, Albert and Dave were elected to the Softball Hall of Fame*

*Below: Steve Kavanaugh Inducted into the Indianapolis ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame, The article below appeared in the Montgomery Times in November of 1995*

### Cannelburg Native Named To Softball Hall Of Fame

It was a story book ending to a softball playing career that began in the pasture lots on the farm of Catherine and the late Louis Kavanaugh Sr. of rural Cannelburg. Steve Kavanaugh, the seventh son and ninth of 10 Kavanaugh children, was recently honored as an inductee into the Indianapolis ASA Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame in ceremonies held at the Indianapolis Marriott Hotel.

Kavanaugh first learned the game of fast pitch softball from his older brothers on playing fields that were the farm lots on the Kavanaugh farm. Following his graduation from Barr-Reeve High School in the spring of 1971, he played locally one season with the Montgomery Merchants in the Washington Fast Pitch League and a traveling road schedule. In the fall of that year, employment at General Motors in Indianapolis lured him away from his country beginnings.

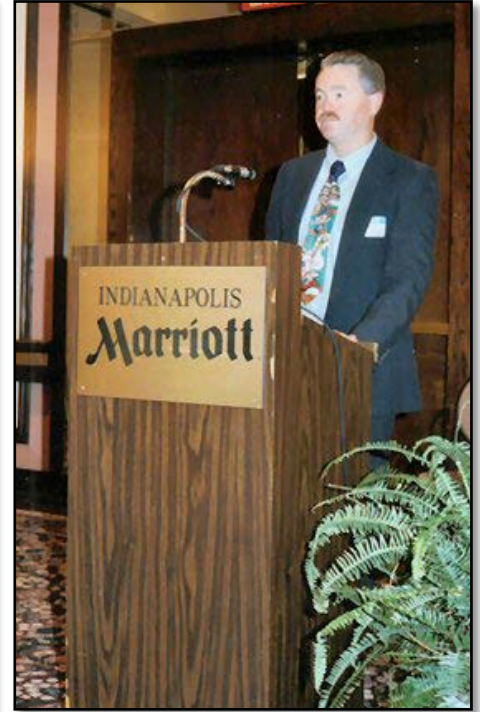
Over the next 23 years, Steve played for such Indy teams as Willsey, Renners, Indy A's and the Indy Merchants. He retired from competitive league softball after playing with the Indy Masters 40 and Over team in 1993, a team that finished ninth in the national ASA tournament that year.

His years of play for Indy teams helped produce 20 ASA city championships and participation in 20 ASA Midwest Regionals. Four times his teams finished as a runnerup in the midwest regionals and twice advanced to national tournaments. Twice he received MVP honors in major tournaments, plus all tournament team recognition in an 11 state tournament in Chattanooga, TN.

Positionwise, Steve played as a third baseman and shortstop with defense being his forte. He sported a .960 fielding percentage for much of his career in the Indy leagues to go along with a .286 batting average. Kavanaugh was cited for his love of the game, superiority and consistency of play both in the field and with the bat, loyalty to his teams and teammates and contributions to the game of fast pitch softball as being his credentials for being inducted into the Indianapolis ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. In accepting the honor of induction, Kavanaugh gave special thanks to his parents for their example of a strong work ethic in life. He concluded "Dad, this one's for you!"



**STEVE KAVANAUGH** (left) accepts induction honors into the Indianapolis ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. He is flanked by Wayne Myers of Terre Haute, long time Indiana Amateur Softball Association Commissioner and currently the National President of ASA



### Steve Kavanaugh Inducted into the Indianapolis ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame,

*Steve Kavanaugh as he accepts his induction into the Indianapolis ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame.*



**Left: Steve's Family Attend Induction.** Several of Steve's Family attended the induction ceremonies on that Sunday Afternoon in November of 1995. Pictured here is Steve as he holds the induction plaque and left to right are brother Louie Jr., Steve sister Kay Andres and Steve's Mom Catherine. Back row is brothers Dave, Mark and Lee.

At the top of the Front Page of the Washington Time Herald in November of 1995

## “Kavanaugh Inducted into Hall of Fame, See Page 12”

The article below appeared in the  
Washington Times Herald on November 6 of 1995



STEVE KAVANAUGH, left, accepts induction honors into the Indianapolis ASA Hall of Fame. He is flanked by Wayne Myers, right, of Terre Haute, IN. Myers is a long time Indiana Amateur Softball Association Commissioner and currently the National President of the ASA.

## *Kavanaugh inducted into Indy's ASA Hall of Fame*

By JEFF HAYS  
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — The old adage is that defense wins championships, but for Steve Kavanaugh, it carried him a even a little farther than that.

Kavanaugh, a 1971 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School, was recently honored as an inductee into the Indianapolis American Softball Association (ASA) Fast Pitch Hall of Fame in ceremonies held at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis.

“I really never thought I'd get in, as my bat wasn't as strong as other players,” said Kavanaugh, who resides in Indianapolis.

“But my glove carried me on the field, so I guess I owe this honor to my defensive play.”

Kavanaugh first began playing the game of fast pitch softball in the pasture lots in Cannelburg, and it was there he admits he learned the game from his older brothers.

“I really pay a lot of tribute to my family,” continued Kavanaugh. “Brothers Albert, David and Lee were better athletes than I, and it's a shame they didn't have the opportunity I did.”

And that opportunity was to play softball in a much higher profile situation which the larger cities present.

“It was just a better chance playing in Indianapolis as the sponsors were better. They paid some big money for us to travel all over the midwest and play every weekend,” explained Kavanaugh, who was lured away to Indianapolis following high school graduation by employment at General Motors.

“In a summer, we'd easily play a 100-game schedule.”

But Kavanaugh admits it took some patience, and also some help in establishing himself amongst the softball elite in Indianapolis.

“I really rode Denny Wallace's coattail into town,” said Kavanaugh of Wallace, who is also a native of the area.

“Denny was one of the better pitchers in the state, and he was on a team who was looking to replace some older players with some younger ones. So that's how I got started, but I had to pay my dues as I sat the bench for a while before I was given the chance to play.”

Once that chance arose though, Kavanaugh took advantage of it and pieced together a solid softball career over the next 23 years, which included play on teams such as Willsey, Renners, Indy A's and the Indy Merchants.

While playing for those different teams, Kavanaugh helped produce 20 ASA city championships and participation in 20 ASA Midwest Regionals.

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Position-wise, Kavanaugh played as a third baseman and shortstop, with defense being his forte.

He sported a .960 fielding percentage for much of his career in the Indy leagues, to go along with a .286 batting average.

Kavanaugh retired from competitive league softball after playing with the Indy Masters 40 and over team in 1993, a team that finished ninth in the national ASA tournament that same year.

“Playing softball in Indianapolis was really a commitment,” noted Kavanaugh. “It wasn't like slow pitch as you could miss some games here and there. In Indianapolis, you'd better be there, or have one heck-uvva reason for not being there because they'd find someone to replace you.”

Although retired from organized play, Kavanaugh admits he still enjoys playing the game from time to time. “I do play, but it's more of a laid back game now. But I just can't get into slow pitch after playing fast pitch for so long.”

Honored for his play in Indianapolis, Kavanaugh was no stranger to the softball fields in the area as he played for the Montgomery Merchants in 1971, and also played some in the area while traveling on the Indianapolis teams.

But no matter where he played around the midwest, Kavanaugh admits the backbone of his accomplishments are deeply rooted in the farm lots of the Kavanaugh farm.

And in accepting the honor of his induction, Kavanaugh gave special thanks to his parents, Catherine and the late Louis Sr. of Cannelburg, for their example of a strong work ethic in life.

“Dad, this ones for you!,” exclaimed Kavanaugh, as he wrapped up not only his induction speech, but also a very successful softball career.

Al, David and Lee Kavanaugh

There have been many teams who have had brothers on the same team. The Bird brothers both of whom pitched. Another brother combination involved Fred and Wayne Myers. Having brothers playing together can be a big help in getting a team playing as a unit. That is if the brothers can get along. If the brothers do not get along then the problems are twice as bad.

I am sure there probably has been but to my knowledge I do not know of any team consistently making it to the state tourney who had three brothers on the same team. Think about it—three brothers on the same team. One family makes up one third of the team.

Usually when brothers are involved one brother is an outstanding player and the other brothers is a little above average. In the case of the Kavanaugh brothers all three were outstanding. Each one contributed to the team in a very unique way.

I am not going to ask you to keep all of them straight. You see, two of the three brothers did not even use their first name as players. They used their middle names. I will tell you that Al played outfield and first base. Lee played shortstop and David (his real first name) was a pitcher.

The Kavanaugh brothers started out in the 1960 helping their team win the local league. Little by little they began to enter tourneys. As they grew in confidence they won a district tourney. Soon they were pretty consistent in winning the semi-state tourney. Then they were challenged to win the big one and be the state champions of Indiana. That dream would never come true. It would come close but it would never come true.

Let me tell you what these three brothers helped their team do in Indiana A.S.A. competition. As I give these to you, please remember that they did not start playing on the same team until 1960. In 1966 their team won its first district tourney. In 1967-1968-1969 and 1970 they won the semi-state tourney and participated in the Indiana state tourney. It was in 1968 and 1969 that they came close to winning the state championship but had to settle for being the state runner-up.

Robert was an outstanding infielder. He could hit the ball with authority. He was the batting champion of his league on five different occasions. His lifetime batting average is estimated to be 370. Al also was outstanding as a defensive player. He could also hit the ball well. He not only played but he also managed the team for five years.

Al also served as a commissioner for 13 years for Indiana A.S.A. David was a pitcher. He was fairly young when all of this was taking place but he was learning all of the time. He later went on to become outstanding in his own right. All three players were known to be "clutch players" and could be counted on to get that hit, make an outstanding play or strike a batter out when it was most needed.

The Kavanaughs were and still are gentlemen both on and off the field. They seemed to always have the time to be of help to other young players who were beginning to play the game of softball. They played because they loved the game. Each has expressed that they hope that they have somehow been of help to the game of softball.

Three brothers on the same team. Three brothers who made a team successful. Amazing, simple amazing! Then to think that still another brother has already been inducted into the Indianapolis Metro Hall of Fame. What a talented and impressive family.

Al, Lee and David Kavanaugh I am very happy to be able to induct all three of you into the Indiana A.S.A. Hall of Fame. This is a first for the Indiana A.S.A.

*Left: The Following was written by Tim Nonte at the introduction of Lee, Albert and Dave into the Fast Pitch Hall of Fame.*

*Below: The Special Award was published in the Washington Time Herald in the summer of 1992 in honor of Louis Kavanaugh Jr. for his service to the Right To Life, Montgomery Ruritan Club, St. Peter's Church and to his Family.*



**Three Cheers  
for YOU!**

The name Louie Kavanaugh is one that is very common to the people of this community because of all of his involvement in it, which makes him a very busy man.

Presently serving on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Ruritan Club, he was also past treasurer and secretary.

Doing his fair share in protecting the unborn is what Louie has done for the past several years by serving as president of the Daviess County Right To Life. He goes beyond the local level on

this topic by acting as vice president of a state organization of Indiana Citizens For Life. This is an organization in which he had a hand in putting together and he was even a past president.

No matter what, Louie always finds time to attend St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery where he is a member and has served on the Parish Council.

"I feel the good Lord has been very good to me and I feel like I am obligated to give it back to the community and my church," Louie explained.

Being a graduate of Barr-Reeve High School, Louie serves on the committee of the Barr-Reeve Alumni Association that assists the Scholarship Foundation of which he is past president and vice president.

During the summer months, Louie can be found at the Montgomery ball park where he has coached Little League for the past 14 years.

He not only attended Indiana School of Automation for data processing, but he has taken courses in computer programming from Vincennes University and Indiana University. But his education seems to be ongoing as he is continually enrolled in courses through the government as a way of keeping up-to-date on the ever changing world of computers.

He has been employed as a programmer/analyst at NWSC, Crane for 24 years. And if all of that wasn't enough, he can be heard on WKMD, Logoootee as the Voice of the Vikings bringing the play by play action of Barr-Reeve basketball to the listening public.

Louie and his wife of nearly 26 years, the former Elizabeth Michaels reside in Montgomery. They have five children, Sheri, Louie III, Jim, Brian and John.

We salute Louie Kavanaugh—a man giving his all for the current citizens of today and for the hope of tomorrow.

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## Louie & Liz Kavanaugh Receive 2012 Donna Gentry Pro-Life Award

Louie and Liz Kavanaugh have worked together for many years in the pro-life movement and on Thursday night they were rewarded for all their hard work. While accepting the award Louis Kavanaugh Jr. President of the Daviess County Right To Life



said “My wife Liz ask me to get involved in the movement and if I would do that she promised she would take care of the kids and do what needed to be done there on the home front. She helped with what she could and has also been encouraging me to keep going.” Louie and Liz got involved in

the movement in 1977 and have been active ever since. Louie not only served as the President of Daviess County Right to Life but also was very active in the Indiana Right to Life Organization. He served as Indiana’s Delegate on the National Right to Life Board in 1986 and worked with Dr. Jack Willke who was the National Right to Life President and became close friends to the Willke’s. When Indiana Right to Life split in the late 80’s Louis was the founder of the Indiana Federation of Right to Life and served as the State President. He remained in that position until the two Organizations merged back together. During this time he remained in the leadership role of Daviess County Right to Life. When Donna Gentry joined the local organization the two worked together to form one of the strongest County Organizations in the state. Under their leadership the local organization expanded its help to other County organizations around Southern Indiana and help to strengthen the Right to Life Movement. Louis Kavanaugh has also worked with and helped to elect pro-life candidates running for public office. When Congressman John Hostettler was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Hostettler asked Mr. Kavanaugh to serve as the coordinator for the



Hostettler Campaign in Daviess County for his re-election effort. Louie and his wife have been very active in working with the Right to Life Movement not only on the local level but also on the State Level. The Right to Life Banquets held each year in October is one of the largest pro-life Banquets in the State outside of Evansville. Banquet Speakers have included some the top names in the pro-life movement. Under the leadership of Donna Gentry the Pregnancy Care Center was started and has grown into a major contribution to the help for women with unplanned pregnancies. This continues today even though Donna Gentry passed away suddenly in 2011.

Louis Jr. and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of five children, Sheri (Kurt) Behme of Evansville, Brian (Evansville), Louie III (Kris), (Montgomery) John (Amy) Montgomery and Jim of Washington. They have 16 Grand-children and 5 Great Grandchildren.



*Above: Louis and Liz Kavanaugh accept the Award as they both thank the local Right To Life Organization. Louis has worked and held office in the local organization since 1977.*

# 'SO LONG FOR NOW'

## 'Old Lou' Kavanaugh retires from radio booth

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As a new high school basketball season begins, one thing that will be change is that "Old Lou" Kavanaugh will no longer be in the radio booth doing Barr-Reeve sports.

As of the end of last year's baseball season, Kavanaugh have retired from the radio booth.

"I have decided to hang it up as the years are taking a toll on me, and it is time for someone younger to take over. Looking back on those many years of Barr-Reeve sports, I have truly enjoyed it. But there comes a time to turn it over to someone else. I have had some great moments and some disappointments as well, but that is how it goes when you follow your favorite sports team," he said.

Kavanaugh first got pulled into the radio booth to fill in and help Mike Strawn as he was doing the play-by-play for the Barr-Reeve at Northeast Dubois game in November 1988.

Turns out, that game went four overtimes, and Kavanaugh decided he really enjoyed being on the air.

"Being from a family that loved its sports I knew a little and as they say, I knew just enough to be dangerous. I was doing the commentary for awhile and after Mike Strawn took a break, I then got the chance to do play-by-play and have been doing it ever since. When I first started doing games on radio, Barr-Reeve did not get a lot of coverage, as Washington and Loogootee dominated the airwaves, and I did my best to give the Vikings the best coverage we could get," he said.

Back in those early days of WKMD Radio, most BR games were tape-delayed games, as Loogootee would be on live.

"When Loogootee was not playing, we would be on live. But not every BR game was covered, but as many as possible," he said.

"When I first started, I did not get paid, but did it to help promote Barr-Reeve sports and present it in a positive light. Now all Barr-Reeve boys and girls basketball games are covered live by one area station, and sometimes there may be three area stations covering the same game," Kavanaugh added.

Kavanaugh later added boys baseball, girls basketball and softball, as coverage was expanded.

In 1998, when the Barr-Reeve Lady Vikings Volleyball team made its first trip to the State Fi-



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**LOU KAVANAUGH** doing "Fans in the Stands" at a trip to the state finals.

**"I have decided to hang it up as the years are taking a toll on me, and it is time for someone younger to take over."**

— LOU KAVANAUGH

nals, WRZR was one of the first station around to cover volleyball live.

"Needless to say, that was a little different calling that fast-paced sport. Also, my niece Kristi "Kavanaugh" Griffin won the Mental Attitude Award that year and that

was very special to our family," he said.

Kavanaugh said possibly his greatest moment to remember being on the air would have been this past spring when the Barr-Reeve boys basketball team won the state championship for its first boys basketball title.

Next to that, it had to be the girls basketball team coming from 22 points down to win the southern semistate title at Jeffersonville in February earlier this year, he said.

"I have been very fortunate to have been able to broadcast all the trips to State Finals that Barr-Reeve has taken, and even was able to interview Connor Sorrells after he won the individual State Championship in Cross Country at

Terre Haute. Also special to me was when the boys baseball team won the Jasper Regional over Jasper," Kavanaugh recalled.

"I have been fortunate to work with some good people over the years at the radio station, in the booth and on the court. I have always tried to be positive to the coaches and most situations that we found ourselves in over the years. Although announcers are not supposed to be for one team over another, I think everyone knew where my heart was and it was with Barr-Reeve when they took the court or the field. Just because I am retiring from the radio booth does not mean I will not be following Barr-Reeve or high school sports. This is not goodbye, but "So long for now."

*Below: The following article appeared in the local newspaper as the **three Kavanaugh brothers John, Lee and Tim Retire and were honored by their family in July of 1997.***

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## Kavanaugh brothers' retirements honored with family reunion

Kavanaugh brothers, Tim, Lee and John recently retired from their respective professions.

Their retirement was recognized with a family reunion of more than 70 family members and guests at Lee and Irma Kavanaugh's home in rural Montgomery during the July 4th weekend.

John Kavanaugh, the oldest of 10 children of Catherine Kavanaugh and the late Louis Kavanaugh Sr., Cannelburg, recently retired from Western Electric-AT&T in Lee's Summit, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo., after more than 32 years with the company as a tool and die engineer. He first worked at its Indianapolis plant and for the past 12 years in Lee's Summit. He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of three children, Mark, Scott and Cathy and three grandchildren. John began with Indus Corporation of Indianapolis in 1956 as a tool and die maker, a company that he was an employee of for eight years before moving onto Western Electric.

Lee Kavanaugh retired as a teacher and coach at Loogootee High School after more than 33 years. He taught business and social studies classes at Loogootee along with serving as a Jr. High Basketball Coach for many years. He and his wife, Irma, who reside near Montgomery, are the parents of three sons, Jeff, Steven and Jason and three grandchildren.

Tim Kavanaugh retired as a supervisor at General Motors Chevrolet Plant in Indianapolis after more than 37 years with the company. He and his wife, Sue, are the parents of three sons, Tim Jr., Brian and Kevin and two grandchildren.

Family members and guests at the Kavanaugh Family reunion included, Catherine Kavanaugh, Cannelburg; John and Donna Kavanaugh, daughter, Cathy and guest, Kevin Hallaway all of Lee's Summit, Mo.; Lee and Irma Kavanaugh, son Steven and wife, Trish and daughter, Julia, Evansville;



Pictured above, left to right, Kavanaugh Brothers, Tim, Lee and John recently retired from their respective professions.

son, Jason, Indianapolis; Charles Albert Kavanaugh, son, Mike and wife, Michelle and children, Haley and Elaina, Montgomery; Tim and Sue Kavanaugh, son, Tim Jr. and wife, LeAnn and children Cody and Kathryn, Indianapolis; Dave and Mary Kay Kavanaugh-Andres and daughter, Janet, Indianapolis; Louis and Liz Kavanaugh and family, daughter, Sheri Behme and husband, Curt, Mesa, Ariz., son, Louis III, wife, Kris and children, Matthew and Jessica, Mooresville; son, Jim Kavanaugh and Taylor, Washington; sons Brian and John, Montgomery; David and Cleta Kavanaugh and family, daughters, Kara, Kristi, Kayla, Montgomery and son, David Jr., Evansville; Jerry and Charlotte Kavanaugh-Lewinski, son, Shawn Lewinski and friend, Crystal Bool, St. Louis; Steve and Kathy Kavanaugh and daughter, Jamie, Indianapolis; Mark and Clara Kavanaugh and daughters, Leslie and Jenna, Indianapolis; Father Lowell Will, St. Peters, Montgomery; Sister Mary Bernice Kavanaugh and Sister Mary Charlotte Kavanaugh Convent OSB, Ferdinand; Rose Kavanaugh of Indianapolis and Jack Doyle, Indianapolis.

*Below: In 2001, the Kavanaugh Kids held a surprise birthday party for their Mom at the Gasthof Restaurant on her 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday.*

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## LIFESTYLES

# Catherine Kavanaugh celebrates 88th birthday

Catherine Kavanaugh was the guest of honor for a surprise birthday/family reunion conducted recently on the occasion of her 88th birthday.

The event began with a family luncheon at an area restaurant followed by an afternoon and evening of fellowship at the Kavanaugh Family Farm west of Cannelburg. Special entertainment for the evening was provided by grandson, Mike Kavanaugh, and daughter, Haley, as they played and sang a medley of songs on the guitar and violin. Following church services the next day a breakfast for family and relatives was at the Montgomery Town Community Center.

Family and relatives attending the birthday reunion were: Sr. Bernice Kavanaugh and Sr. Charlotte Kavanaugh, Ferdinand; Rose Kavanaugh, Dave and Kay Andres, daughter, Janet Andres and friend, Ryan White, Mark and Clara Kavanaugh and daughters, Leslie and Jena Kavanaugh, Steve Kavanaugh, Jason Kavanaugh and friend, Katie Grimmer, all of Indianapolis; Lee and Irma Kavanaugh, Montgomery, Steven and daughter, Julia Kavanaugh, Evansville; David and Cleta Kavanaugh, Montgomery and daughters, Kristi, Kayla, Kara Kavanaugh and fiancé, Mark Franklin, David Jr. and Melanie Kavanaugh, Winslow; Charles Albert Kavanaugh, Mike and Michelle Kavanaugh and children, Haley, Elaina and Cameron, Louis Jr. and Liz Kavanaugh and son, John, Louis III and Kristina Kavanaugh and children, Matthew, Jessica, Brooke and Mitchell Kavanaugh, Jim and Heather

Kavanaugh and children, Taylor and Christian

Kavanaugh, all of Montgomery; Kurt and Sheri Behme and son, Alex, Washington.

Out of state family members and relatives attending were: John and Donna

Kavanaugh, Lees Summit, Mo.;

Scott Kavanaugh and children, Ashton and Alec

Kavanaugh, Kansas City, Mo.;

Kevin and Cathy Hollaway, Russellville,

Mo.;

Jerry and Charlotte Lewinski, St. Louis, Mo., and son Shawn, St. Louis, Mo.;

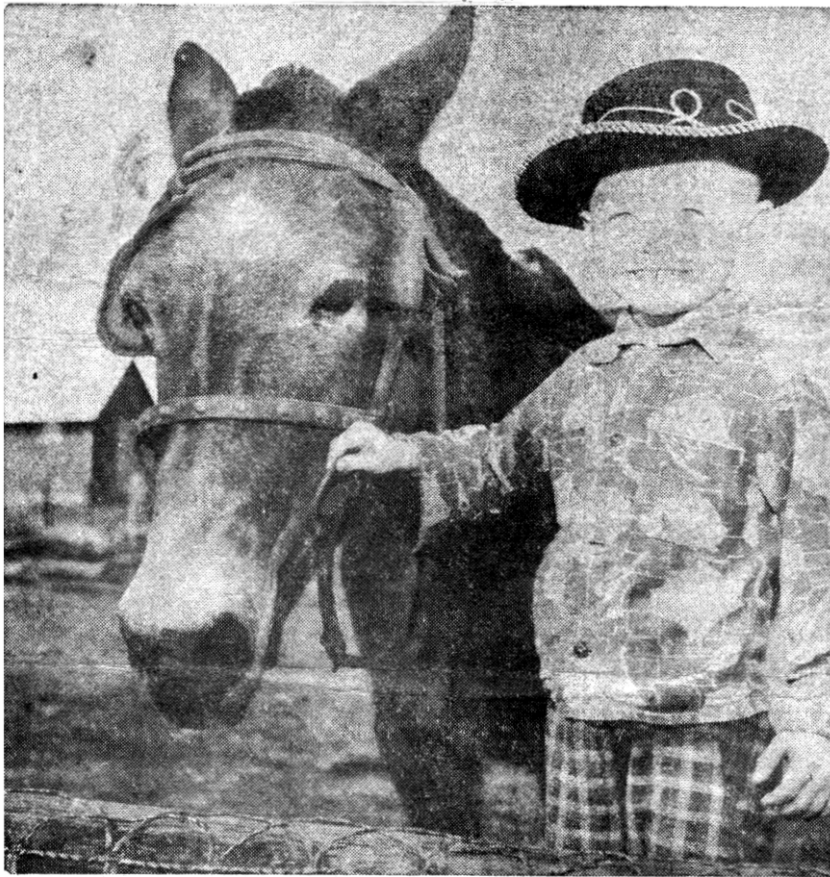
Brian Kavanaugh and friend, Julie Hemming, Kalamazoo, Mich.;

Steve and Julie Dorr of Cincinnati, Ohio.



What started out as an afternoon lunch at an area restaurant for Catherine Kavanaugh with one of her eight sons, Mark Kavanaugh, turned into a surprise 88th birthday/family reunion weekend.

IT'S SPRINGTIME AGAIN



By Ruth Canary Drach

This is Stevie, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh, and "Jen," whom he calls his wife. Heinie Gill, Times photographer, took the picture on the Kavanaugh farm near Cannelburg.

The forty-year-old mule story was what I was sent after — but the education angle switched my mind over!

The two oldest sons of the Kavanaugh's ten children are apprentice tool and die makers at Indus, Inc., in Indianapolis.

"How did the boys hear of Indus?" I asked.

"Ralph Carrico, a local man, was down from Indianapolis, and I asked him about John, 20. Would you be interested in a farm boy?"

Ralph and his brother, Harold, of Cannelburg, are high in the In-

Indus company. Ralph answered, "Farm and small town boys, are just what we're interested in. They make good employees and stay with us longer." He said he'd talk to John Smith. He did and John went up, then Lee, who is 18.

(John Smith, who helped start Indus, was a vice president at P. R. Mallory during the war. He was hired from RCA in the East.) At one time, Mallory engineers were in the RCA plant where John Smith had been. Herman said, "I had never seen such love for a man from his workmen. There were actually some men who had tears in their eyes when they asked about him."

The other children are: Albert, 17, and Timmy, 15, in Montgomery High School, Mary Kay, 13, Louis Jr., 11, and David, 10, in St. Peter's School, and three children at

home, Charlotte Ann, 6, Stevie, 4, and Mark, 2.

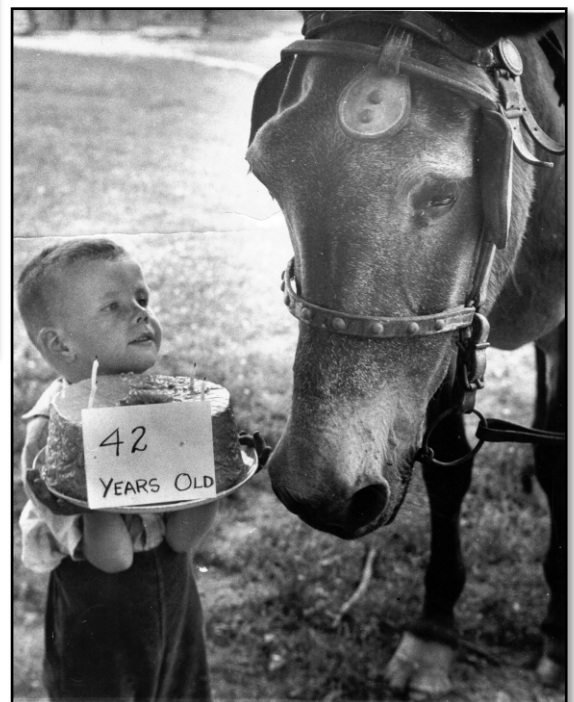
Back to the assignment — the mule. The forty-year-old mule is about 20 years older than just an ordinary mule (according to Mr. Kavanaugh), and was born on the homeplace in the Spring of 1917.

In the younger days, "Jen" hauled coal from Cannelburg and the Parrish mine (now closed) to Loogootee and Montgomery, and hauled rock out of the railroad cars to the county roads.

"From '17 to '38," he said, "the mule worked in the harness every day, plowing, making hay and tending to the crops. Since '38, he's been used in the truck patches."

But something else besides corn and potatoes come out of the truck patches . . . Some of the best workmen in Indiana!

The picture below was the Kavanaugh Mule, Old Gin pictured here with Louis Sr. and Catherine's son Mark Kavanaugh with the birthday cake celebrating Old Gin 42th Birthday. Old Gin was born on the Kavanaugh Farm in the Spring of 1917 and died on Feb. 29, 1960. Old Gin was a beloved member of the Kavanaugh family for many years and did his part in plowing the fields and the garden as well as pulling the wagons wherever fences needed mending. He lived a long life, much longer than other mules.



Above: The Following article appeared in the local Newspaper and the Indianapolis Star. I do believe this picture appeared in the Star around April of 1956. Old Gin was born in the spring of 1917 and died on Feb. 29 of 1960 in his stable there on the Family Farm.