

Jesse & Judy Burnett

Introduction to Jesse & Judy Burnett: Jesse's roots in Avon go back to the early 1920s when his parents moved here. He grew up here and in Florida. Over the years Jesse and Judy have been active in the Optimist Club and the Avon Junior Athletic Association, among other things. They were interviewed by Dick and Betty Richmond, also long-time residents of Avon.

Where Did Burnett Woods Get Its Name?

...[My] family owned several places. My older brother...owned the land where Pine Tree Elementary is on [100 South]...The first piece [Mother] sold off was to Light and Life Church. Then she sold the piece where Westover Woods is now. [Our] woods had been under State Forest Remanagement for years and [Mother] didn't want it to get away. I asked a forester what to do and he recommended the Central Indiana Land Management Group...who raised money to buy it and they've managed the sixty-five acres ever since. [CILM has since] acquired a number of sites around central Indiana...largely because of the publicity they got out of Burnett Woods.