

Ellen Kikendall Dudek

Introduction to Ellen Kikendall Dudek: Ellen has lived in Avon since 1955; she and her husband started their business here in the late 1960s. She was interviewed by Dick and Betty Richmond, long-time residents of Avon.

Bud's Auto Parts

Dick: When did Bud's Auto Parts start?

Ellen: They started the junk yard in 1950 or '51 because they were already here before we moved out here...

Dick: Can you describe what they used to do there?

Ellen: They used to buy junk cars and tear them apart and keep all the good parts to resell. They rebuilt generators and things like that, and, when people needed parts for their cars, they came there to buy them.

Dick: That was owned by Bud? What was his real name?

Ellen: William Adrian Kikendall...after he passed away, his sons took it over...They eventually retired and their children sold it to LKQ.