

*Community Development: Two Restaurants, a
Country Inn, and a Golf Course
Leavenworth and Corydon, Indiana 47137*

- 1. Overlook Restaurant*
- 2. The Leavenworth Inn*
- 3. Dock Restaurant*
- 4. Old Capital Golf Course in Corydon*

Douglas T. Breeden*

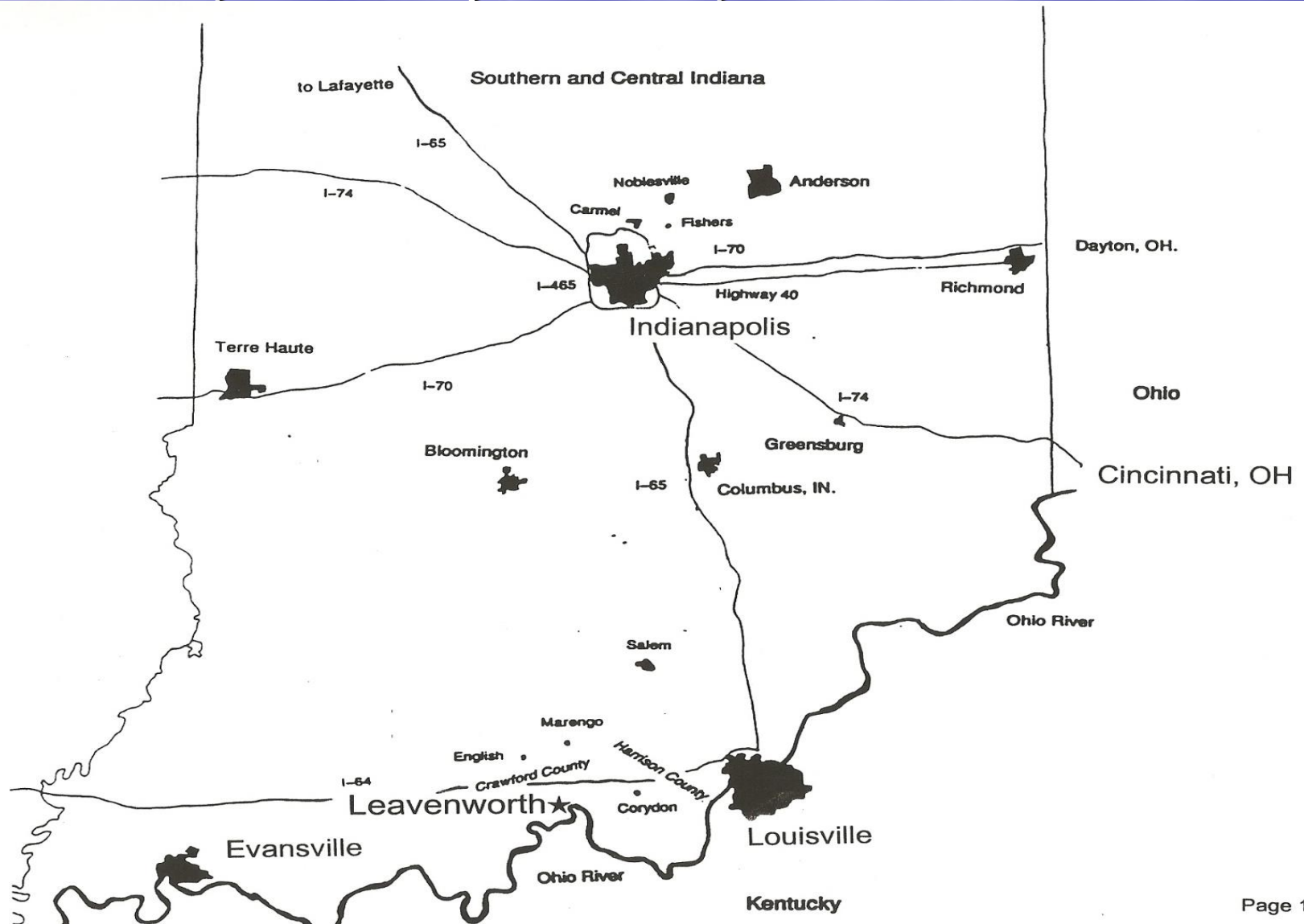
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Leavenworth.

Leavenworth is on the "Horseshoe Bend" of the Ohio River. Stunning views, wonderful sunsets.



Leavenworth is 45-50 minutes from Louisville, Kentucky via I-64, on the Ohio River



1. Bought The Overlook Restaurant in 1989.

Magnificent views of the Ohio River

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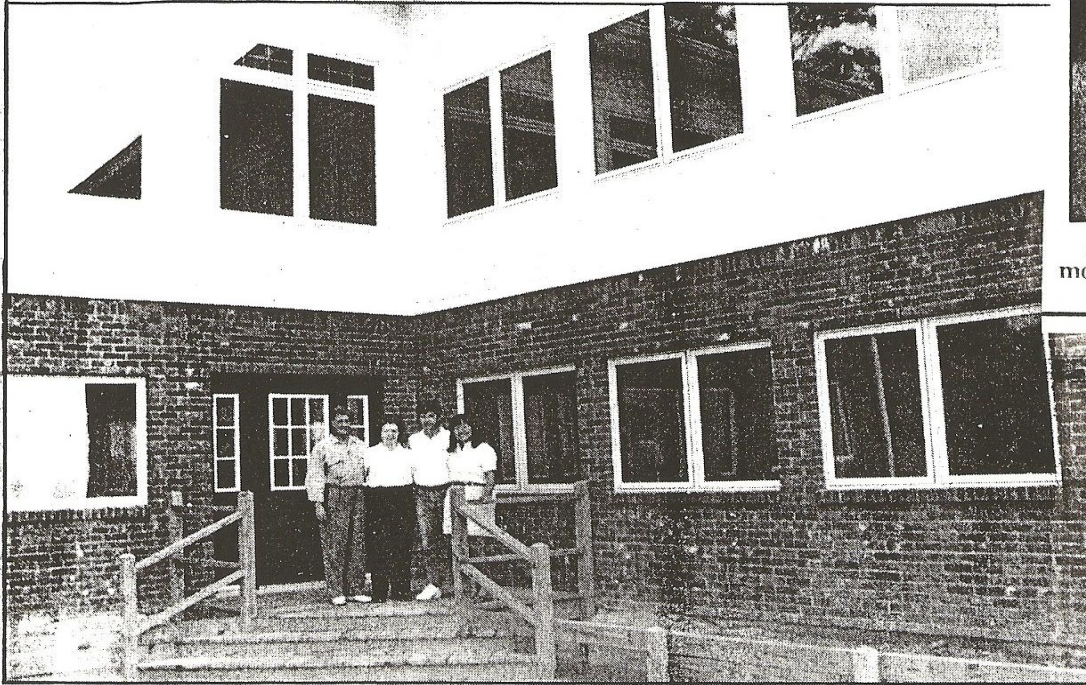
Voted one of the Top 10 Restaurants in Indiana



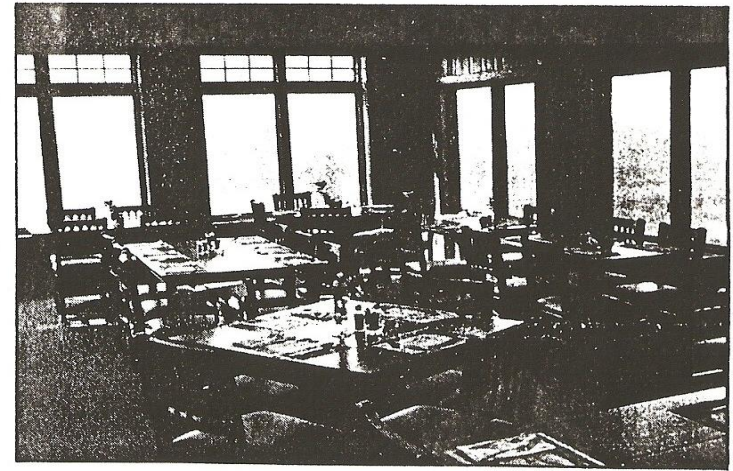
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Overlook expands

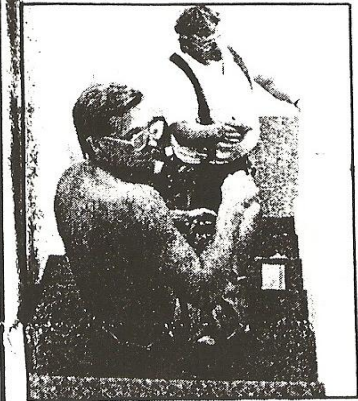


CRAWFORD County's three-star restaurant — the Overlook — at Leavenworth — has expanded over the summer to hold an additional 100 plus patrons. Managers Russ and Annabelle Breeden, along with son and Overlook owner, Doug Breeden and wife Josie, stand on steps leading to a large new deck outside.



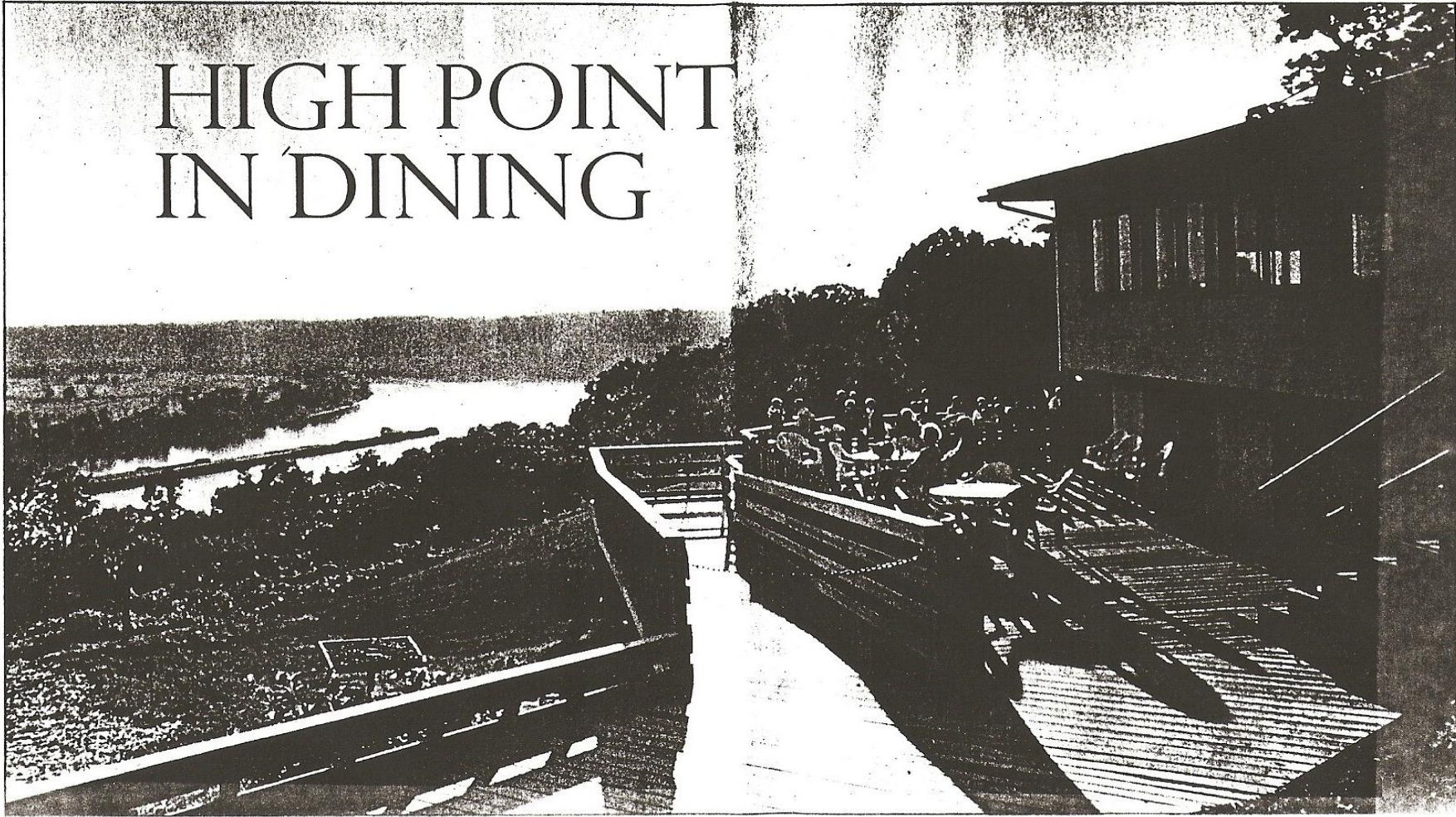
A greater number of windows in the dining room give a more spacious view of Horseshoe Bend on the Ohio River.

Photos by Wade Bell



Tom McBrice and Keith White work to put on a stair-rail leading to the downstairs area.

HIGH POINT IN DINING



Diners at The Overlook in Leavenworth watch a towboat round a bend on the Ohio River one night last week. The restaurant has more than doubled its space and added floor-to-ceiling

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Kentucky Derby 2007 Starts at the Overlook



2. Renovated the Breeden Home into
"The Leavenworth Inn, A Country Bed and Breakfast"

*16 beautiful rooms in 4 buildings, plus Wyandotte Hall for receptions:
1997 Main house, 6 rooms, 1999 "The Cottage" 5 rooms
2002 "Gardener's Cottage" 3 rooms, 2005 "Carriage House" 2 rooms*



IT'S A FAMILY THING

STORY AND PHOTO
BY JACKIE CARPENTER

When the Breeden clan's latest project is complete, the two-story, white-clapboard house that sits on a bluff overlooking the Ohio River in Leavenworth will once again be full of life.

"I'm pleased it's going to be a bed and breakfast," said Annabelle Breeden, who with her husband, Russell E., reared four sons and a daughter in the big, sunny house, built about the turn of the century.

"We have always thought it would make a nice B & B."

She added: "We hope other people enjoy it as much as we enjoyed it. We have had a lot of happy times here."

It will be called The Leavenworth Inn.

The Breedens made the house their home in 1958, when their oldest son, Russell III, was 9. Next there was Douglas, Kathy, John and Dwight.

The Breedens added a garage and a family room, complete with a huge, brick fireplace. In the years to come, the room became a gathering place before and after Leavenworth High School ball games, track and cross-country meets.

"We had a lot of victory parties at the house after the games, whether we won or lost," said the daughter, Kathy Coleman of Leavenworth.

In 1980, after the children were grown and on their way to successful careers — Kathy as a homemaker and the boys in high finance, investments, banking, accounting — the parents moved to a new house "down over the hill," and the younger Russell



Outside the family homestead in Leavenworth, the Breeden family, from left: Roberta, Dwight, Annabelle, Russell E., John, Josie and Doug. Not pictured: Russell III and Judy Breeden and Randy and Kathy Coleman.

...and his younger cousin bought the homestead.

He and his wife, the former Judy Brewster of New Salisbury, lived there a couple of years before renting out the house and moving to Indianapolis, where they now live with their three children.

Son Douglas, a university instructor and chairman of the board of Smith Breeden Associates, based in Chapel Hill, N.C., and his wife, Josie, recently bought the homestead, which includes about six acres in the midst of town.

Although they live in Chapel Hill, the couple's investment in the community he grew up in is considerable. That includes the Overlook Restaurant, which they bought in 1989 and expanded in 1993, adding two dining rooms, a spacious deck and lower level snack bar. Diners have a spectacular view of the Ohio River's Horseshoe Bend.

During the tourist season, especially, the Breedens said restaurant patrons often ask about overnight accommodations. They are usually referred to Scott's Inn in Leavenworth or The Kintner House in Corydon,

and the Breedens believe there's a real need for another B & B.

So renovation of the house, which has about 4,000 square feet of space, is underway full swing. The plan is to open by mid-June.

"I think it will be a real asset to the community," said Kathy, whose husband, Randy, is the industrial arts instructor at Corydon Central High School.

The Inn has become a family affair.

The garage has been turned into an apartment for the innkeeper, and the family room will be a library. Each of five bedrooms — one on the first floor and four upstairs — will have private baths. The Inn will include a reception area in the parlor, dining room, kitchen, powder room and exercise room.

"It's kind of neat," said John, who lives in Leavenworth and is the project foreman. "It's always been referred to as the Big House. Now we're trying to call it The Inn."

Doug said, "I think we're all thrilled to see the house coming back to life. I can't wait to have people in here and have them enjoy it as we enjoyed it."

Traveling back and forth frequently from their home in Chicago, Dwight and his wife, Roberta, are also knee-deep in the project, and she's the interior decorator.

"The boys and Kathy grew up in the house, and they have such fond memories," Roberta said. "I, being an in-law, feel entrusted with a lot."

Kathy said her husband, Randy,

has a keen interest in the interior woodwork.

Roberta said the interior decor will be "eclectic — a little bit of everything. We have some real interesting antiques and things that have a story to tell that will make the house real warm and inviting. It will be comfortable, too. The rooms are large and sunny."

The front porch will be redone, and rocking chairs added. "People can sit out and enjoy the view," said Doug.

The one-lane driveway will be widened and paved and a parking area added. And a brick pathway will lead to the front of the Inn.

Doug's other plans for the spacious grounds include gardens, a tennis court and bicycle paths.

"If we are as successful as we think, in a couple of years we'll

expand the Inn from five rooms to 10 or 15."

Roberta and Josie believe the Inn will be a drawing card for tourists, especially city folks who yearn for the quiet country.

"From a Corydon-Leavenworth perspective, because I'm from Chicago, I see a great deal of interest," Roberta said. "From interior decorators, friends, neighbors, they're all interested. The draw is strong. People like to come to rural areas and stay over."

Regardless, the out-of-town Breedens may be the best customers.

"We love it down here," said Roberta. "It's a great place and a great reason to get together."

"It's going to be a nice family gathering place, for sure."

Josie agreed. "We will be down

here to consume."

Although Leavenworth's population has dropped from 400 to about 300, the Breedens see no end to the community's potential, in part because of its natural beauty.

Revitalizing the community is Doug's long-range goal, and he's not banking on the much-talked-about possibility of a gambling riverboat and resort complex at Leavenworth.

"I would prefer that we develop in other ways. The community has such natural beauty," he said. "We don't feel we need the quick fix. I'd rather have a long-term solution."

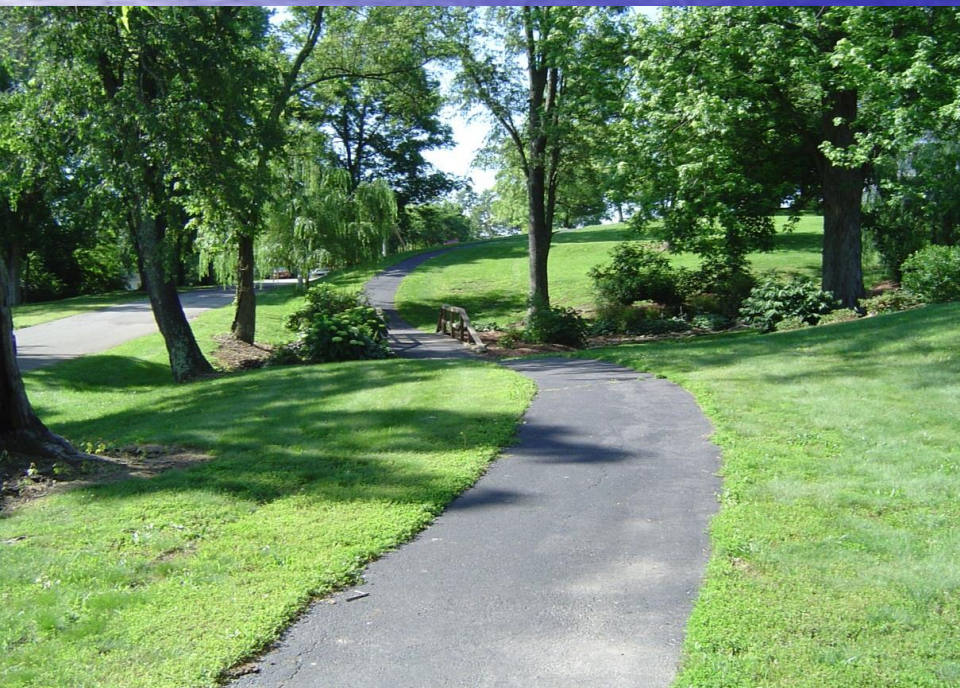
He added: "Certainly my goal is to rebuild and revitalize this community. I like to rebuild things."

BREEDENS TURN THEIR HOMESTEAD INTO B & B: THE LEAVENWORTH INN



The Cottage at the Leavenworth Inn





Leavenworth Inn is a Romantic Favorite for Weddings







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rd County will close 1 p.m. so staff called treasur- Regular hours

The Leavenworth Inn

Several hundred visitors walked through Leavenworth Inn during its open house Sunday.

The historic home has been refurbished and turned into a luxurious bed-and-breakfast lodge. It officially opened for business Monday.

Sunday, the public was invited to tour.

Doug and Josie Breeden are owners and the inn was decorated by Josie and a sister-in-law, Roberta Breeden.

Amy Valentine is inn keeper.

According to a history of the Inn distributed at Sunday's open house, the house was built in the late 1800s by W.J. Sacksteder. Other former owners include the C.D. Tower family, Ed Schleider, a retired steamboat captain; Emil Bahr and the Hiram Snider family.

It has been in the Breeden family since 1958. First it was owned by parents, Russell E. and Annabelle; followed by sons Russell III and Douglas.

This is not the first time the structure has been an inn. An old

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Despite an oppressively hot day, a steady stream of visitors came to visit The Leavenworth Inn which held an open house Sunday afternoon. Hundreds visited the old Breeden home which has been completely refurbished into a luxurious bed and breakfast. The inn officially opened for business Monday with a number of bookings already made.

At right, Tom Tower (second right) gave owner Doug Breeden a little more history on the old house which was once owned by Tom's father C.D. Tower. Jan Tower (left) listened as Cathy and George Weir (in background) of Jeffersonville, took advantage of the rock-

Questions persist for Crawford riverboat gaming

By CHRIS ADAMS
Staff Writer

On June 13, Crawford County Casino Magic were given what seemed like a new lease on the riverboat gaming lives when Indiana Gaming Commission proposals could be changed through Aug. 15. That allowed the company time to strengthen its financials which the gaming commission considers somewhat shaky.

However, with the deadline two weeks away, questions remain about Casino Magic's commitment to the proposed \$150-million project on the banks of the C. River at Leavenworth.

Casino Magic has agreed in principle to sell the Crescent Queen, the 360- by 99-foot boat acquired just over a year ago for \$12.25 million — an unmade deal. The company for gaming news is considered by *Indiana Gaming Insight* to be a sale pricetag.

"Somebody else needed the ... right now," Casino Magic attorney Doug Floyd said.

"It's not a sign that Casino Magic is giving up," he said. "It's a sign that they are taking care of a business opportunity."

However, it could be a sign another company is ready to take the picture — possibly Play International, Inc., a former applicant in Harrison County.

"I did talk to Mr. (Harold) Goldberg — the owner of Play International and he definitely did have an interest," said Leavenworth Inn President John Stutzman.

Goldberg said in a telephone interview from Atlantic City, N.J., Friday that his company has not had discussions with Casino Magic did send a letter in early June stating a possible interest in applying for a license in Crawford County.

"Hospitality consists of a little fire, a little food ... and an immense quiet." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

HIGH ATOP THE HILL

LEAVENWORTH INN PROVIDES HOOSIER HOSPITALITY— AND A BEAUTIFUL VIEW

By Jackie Sheckler Finch, H&L



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Leavenworth Inn: beautiful rooms and views

By Stephanie Edwards

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

John Keats' words are the perfect description of Southern Indiana's Leavenworth Inn.

The main house at the Inn was built in the late 1800s by W.J. Sacksteder, who called it Forest Grove Farm.

According to historical accounts, Sacksteder advertised the house as "The Place To Spend Your Summer Vacation. Our farm home where you can have milk from Jersey cows, pure water, fine air, splendid scenery. Vegetables fresh from the garden.

Spring chickens having the run of acres ..."

Agriculture may not be the focus of the current innkeepers, but it is still a wonderful place to spend a night or two getting away from life's fast pace.

Now, guests travel to the Leavenworth Inn to enjoy luxurious rooms with amenities like fireplaces, whirlpool and clawfoot bathtubs, down comforters and pillows, cozy robes and breathtaking views.

But it's not just the luxuries that make this place worth visiting. It's also the homey feeling that this farm house instills in everyone who visits.

The oversized front porch and its row of rocking chairs beckon guests to come sit for a spell, relax and enjoy the fresh air.

A gazebo serves as a more intimate setting for a family to spend an evening rocking and just enjoying each other's company.

Guests are treated like family and they have access to an extensive reading and movie library, parlor games, walking and bicycle paths, bicycle usage, a tennis court and an exercise room.

Coffee and juice are served in the mornings, and a breakfast coupon to the Overlook Restaurant is included in the price of your room.

In the afternoons, homemade cookies are always waiting in the kitchen.

Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway or your family is visiting Southern Indiana, Leavenworth Inn is a great place to stay.

Marengo Cave plus all of Santa Claus, Indiana's attractions like Holiday World are within a half-hour drive from the inn.

The Leavenworth Inn, which is about a five-hour drive from Knoxville, is located at 930 West State Road in Leavenworth, Ind.

From Knoxville, take I-75 North to I-64. Then, take Exit 92, go three miles South on Highway 66, and turn left onto Highway 62. Continue for one mile, and the Leavenworth Inn will be on your left.

For more information, call (888) 739-2120 or visit www.leavenworthinn.com.

Inn: Leavenworth mixes old and new

IN THE REGION

An Indiana inn with a river view

By Sheryl Hilton
Enquirer contributor

Come for "a room with a view."

Located 2½ hours from Cincinnati, the Leavenworth Inn in Indiana offers a breath-taking view of the Ohio River, luxurious comfort and a simple way to slip back into time while enjoying air conditioning, high-speed wireless access to the Internet and e-mail.

Like a modern version of the legendary Scottish town Brigadoon, the small town of Leavenworth, Ind., and the inn rise high above the mist that often blankets the Ohio River in the morning.

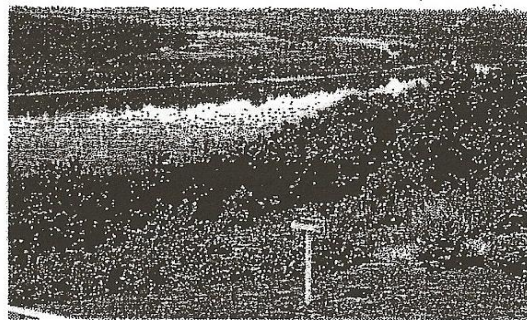
Also out there

The Hermitage, near Nashville, Tenn., offers a glimpse into pre-Civil War life. **F5**

anytime after 4 p.m.

Blending the charm, peace and beauty of the past with the conveniences of today, the Leavenworth offers 16 beautifully decorated rooms and suites, each with its own private bathroom. Every unit has its own satellite television, a king or queen bed and terry cloth robes to create a perfect getaway for couples, families or anyone who wants a luxurious retreat.

Unlike the mythical Brigadoon, which was said to protect its charming village from change by disappearing into a mysterious 100-year slumber each night, the Leavenworth Inn remains open to welcome guests 365 days a year with check-out at noon and check-in



Provided

The Leavenworth Inn sits on a hill that affords this view of the Ohio River. It's about 140 miles west of Cincinnati.

The Leavenworth Inn consists of four houses and the Overlook Restaurant, all located within walking distance of each other. Built in the 1890s, the largest building is a restored white farmhouse with pine-plank floors and is filled with books and antiques.

Numerous shared libraries, kitchens, porches with rockers, wood decks or balconies create natural gathering places for couples, families and friends.

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The staff is friendly, yet unobtrusive and always willing to answer questions or give directions to the caves, canoes, antiques shops or other local attractions.

Leisure activities include tennis, shuffleboard, bicycles, jogging trails, and an exercise room. The hike/bike/walking trails are paved. Bicycles, safety helmets, tennis, shuffleboard and horseshoes are available free.

With hundreds of books, games and movies in-house, the Inn offers multi-generational activities with something of interest for everyone. It also allows children (under the age of 12) to stay in a room or suite, free with their family. The Inn has rollaway beds for extra guests and is so solidly built that it is almost soundproof.

While walking the paths around the six-acre estate, we see horses, birds, deer, wild turkeys and impressive views of the Ohio River. Only 140 miles from Cincinnati, this historic inn offers a quick escape from big city life in a convenient location.

Each night's stay at the Leavenworth includes a complete breakfast served the next morning between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the

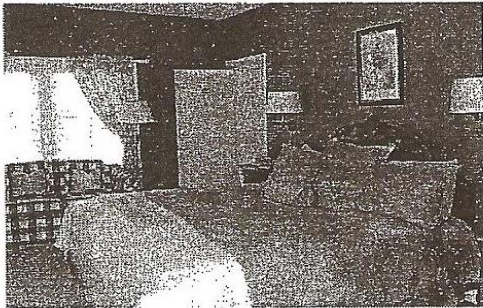
Overlook restaurant, which is located across the road from the Inn. Wyandotte Hall, a dining room that occupies one corner of the Overlook, is perfect for wedding parties, reunions or conferences.

The Overlook itself provides delicious food, good service and a stunning view of a sharp right-angle bend of the river, where you can see 20 miles in either direction. The meals are exceptionally well-prepared. Baked tilapia was cooked to perfection and served with a choice of salad, vegetable, biscuits and strawberry preserves.

The Dock restaurant, located in historic Leavenworth, offers casual dining just a few feet from the banks of the Ohio. The grilled cod dinner was outstanding, and the décor straight out of the '50s and '60s, with photos and records displayed on the walls, from Elvis Presley to Patsy Cline to Andy Griffith. A large outdoor deck and gazebo connected to the restaurant offers an "up close and personal" view of the river.

The Leavenworth Inn can also be a quick weekend retreat for leaf-watching this fall.

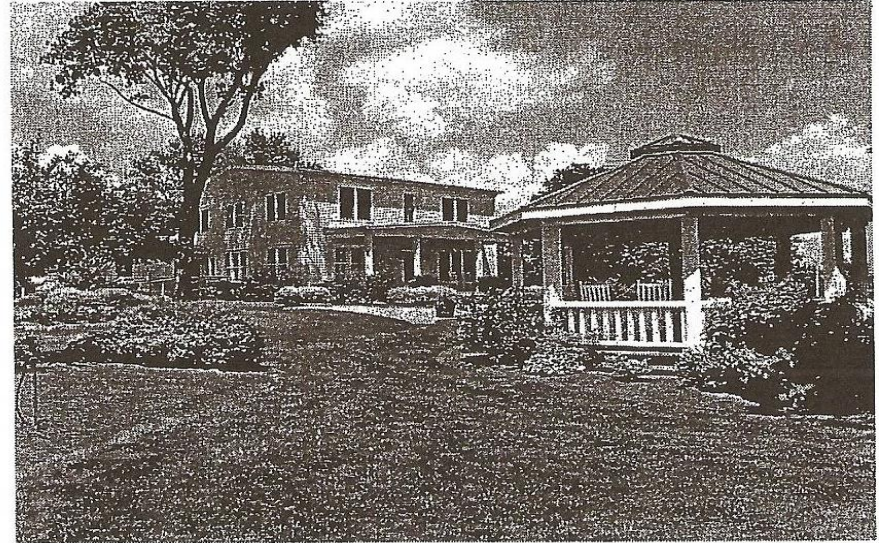
With fireplaces in some of the rooms or cottages and a key to the exercise room in the cottage, the Leavenworth is "an Inn for all seasons."



The Leavenworth has 16 rooms and suites.



The Enquirer



Provided photos

The grounds of the inn include a gazebo for leisurely sitting to watch the river flow.

IF YOU GO

What: Leavenworth Inn

Where: Leavenworth, Ind.

Rates: Rooms range from \$99 to \$129.

Packages: "Girls Night Out," "Stay and Play Golf," "Streams, Rivers and Caves"

Information: 888-739-2120; www.leavenworthinn.com

Cave tours: If you come to escape the heat with a "cool" cave tour, wear comfortable walking shoes. A light jacket is also recommended on cave tours as temperatures inside the caves are a constant 52 degrees. Caves nearest the Leavenworth Inn include:

● Marengo Cave, 812-365-2705, 888-702-

2837; www.marengocave.com/

● Squire Boone Caverns, 888-934-1804; www.squireboonecaverns.com/

● Wyandotte Caven (the oldest show cave in Indiana), 812-738-2782; www.wyandottecaves.com/

● Bluespring Caverns, see it by boat, 812-279-9471; www.bluespringcaverns.com/

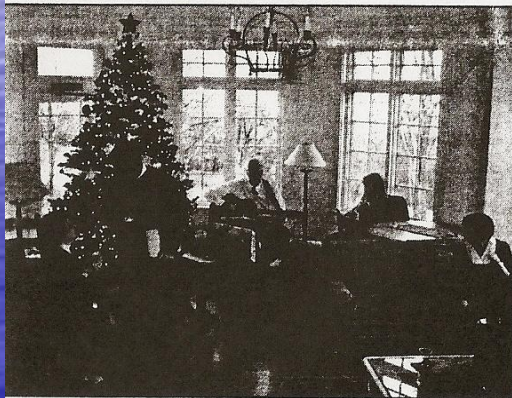
Other attractions include:

- Stephenson's General Store
- French Lick or Turtle Run wineries
- Cave tours in Wyandotte Caves, Marengo Cave, Bluespring Caverns or Squire Boone caverns
- Patoka Lake for boating, fishing or hiking
- Old Capitol Golf course in historic Corydon

Leavenworth Inn celebrates 10 years



Several people take a carriage ride on a path overlooking the Ohio River at the Leavenworth Inn's Holiday Open House on Dec. 14. The Breeden family was celebrating the Inn's 10th year of doing business.



Doug Breeden talks with his mother, Annabelle, while musicians play holiday music at the Cottage, just before giving an address to a large crowd gathered to help celebrate the Leavenworth Inn's successful 10 years.

Owners have big plans on heels of success

STORY and PHOTOS
By LEE CABLE
Staff Writer

The Leavenworth Inn celebrated being in business 10 years with a Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 14. The event featured a tour of the rooms, carriage rides and cookies and cider. That evening, there was a reception with hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, holiday music, a visit from Santa Claus and an address by owner Doug Breeden.

Originally from Leavenworth, Breeden, 57, and his wife, Josie, bought the Inn, renovated it and opened the doors in 1997. During the first three months, the Inn, with only five rooms, had 203 rooms occupied. The following year, over 593 rooms were occupied.

In 1999, the Breedens opened the Cottage, which is on the same grounds as the Inn. This gave the Inn an additional five rooms. One of those rooms has a working fireplace, another room has a whirlpool bathtub and private sitting room. The Cottage also has an exercise room and a great room for small business functions and gatherings.

The Innkeepers Quarters were remodeled in 2002, which added another suite, bringing the total of available rooms to 11. Then, in the spring

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Leavenworth Inn

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of 2003, the Breedens remodeled a home they named the Gardener's Cottage, located between the main house of the Leavenworth Inn and the Cottage, which added three more rooms. Over 1,650 rooms were occupied that year.

Two years later, they opened the Carriage House, which has become a guest favorite with its privacy and view of the hills and valleys behind the Inn. This brought the total of available rooms to 16. That year, almost 2,000 rooms were occupied. In 2007, through November, there were 2,346 rooms occupied. The Breedens plan to open five additional river view suites in 2008.

"We've also renovated my grandparent's home, which is next to the Inn," Breeden said. "It was a four-room house, and we've opened it up into one large area and use it for weddings, retreats and as a reception hall. It can accommodate 100 to 120 people. We've named it Wyandotte Hall."

The family has also developed paved walking paths on the Inn grounds and around the town.

"We hope to have even more later," Breeden added. "I have two brothers and one sister, and all five of us are involved in this business. My parents (Russ and Annabelle Breeden) used to run the Overlook (Restaurant), which

I bought in 1989. A couple of years ago, my mom turned 80, and we thought it would be good if we brought in a new manager. We were lucky to find Chaz Pierce to fill the position, and it's worked out well. He's a very professional leader."

"Russ and I both loved the Overlook," Annabelle said in a later interview. "When Doug bought it, he said, 'You and Dad can run it,' and he went back to Chapel Hill, (N.C.)."

"Russ passed away in 1998, but I still love it here and still spend a lot of time at the restaurant. I enjoy the people so much, and it saves my sanity. But I like to go to Florida some in the winter, and Doug is always gone, so Chaz keeps everything going. He does a wonderful job of keeping up with the details at the Overlook and the Dock (another restaurant in town owned by Doug Breeden)."

Breeden went on to say that every year he and his family want to do something good for the town.

"Next year, we have a new project, he said. "We bought the building where Cabbage Patch Antiques was located. The building is important to the community. It was a restaurant when I was young, and I used to go there a lot after ball games."

"We're in the process of remod-

eling it now. And we've already chosen a name for it. It'll be named 'Annabelle's' after my mother. We plan to use it for imported and local crafts and wood products," he said.

"We also plan to build an addition on the back of Annabelle's, like a warehouse, a large, open place where people can work on crafts and art projects. It will have a wood plank floor and a loft. We want to be able to use it as a theater and a large recreation hall also. The rear building will take longer, but most of the renovation should be completed sometime in the spring — maybe April or May. I think the town is excited that another old building will be making a come back."

The Breedens also recently bought 50 acres and two houses in the Ohio Vista development that will be renovated and added to the suites available at the Leavenworth Inn.

"One of the houses, we called the Riverview Cottage, will be rented through the Inn and is only about a five minute walk from the Cottage," Breeden said. "It will have a nice view of the river. The second house is more relaxed and good for kids and families. It will be called Cedar House. We have 16 rooms available now. We'll have 23 by the end of the year, then, in the next year, we'll have 30 rooms, then 60."

"But I'm really proud of what we have already accomplished."

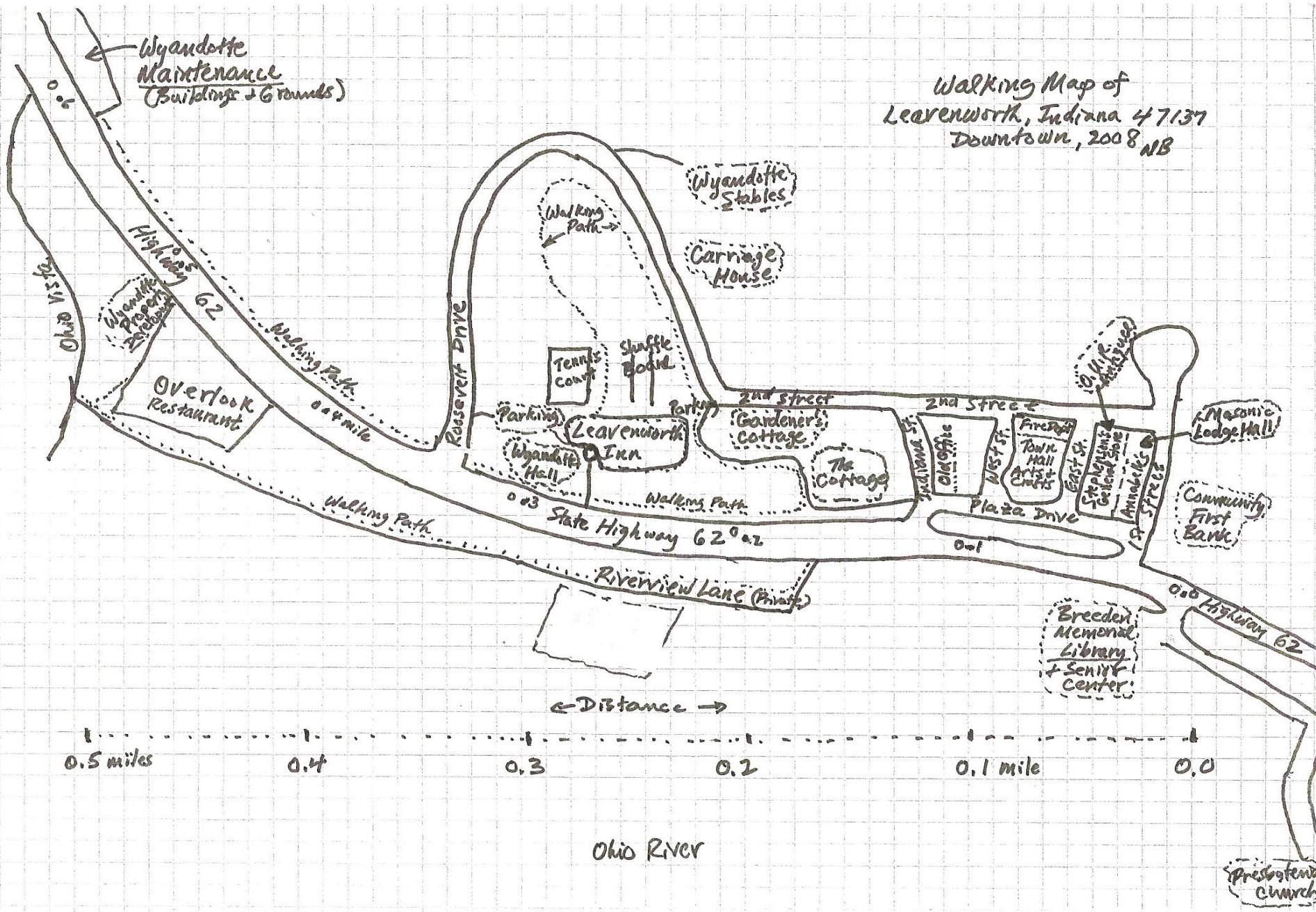
3. 1998-9 : Renovated The Dock Restaurant in Old Leavenworth
On the Ohio River. Major Expansion with Deck. Very popular. Karaoke.



Purchased Boat Dock for Leavenworth Community Usage and The Dock Restaurant



Walking Map of
Leavenworth, Indiana 47137
Downtown, 2008 NB



*1997 Smaller Project: Complete Renovation
of Interior of Leavenworth Town Hall*



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A driver from Welcome Home Carriages and "Victor" wait to give patrons to the opening of Annabelle's Gift Shop, Gallery and ArtsCenter a free ride. At right, the facility, housed in the former Cabbage Patch building, includes a quaint patio and a large open-air, two-story addition in the rear of the building. The opening of the ArtsCenter coincided with a celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the Breeden Memorial Library. Events included children's activities at Annabelle's, including a game table, button making, Caricatures by Vickie, Magic with Tom Crecelius and painting with watercolors. For more photos, see www.clarion-news.net.



The evolution of Leavenworth

STORY and PHOTOS
By CHRIS ADAMS

More than a decade ago Doug and Josie Breeden had a dream to share Doug's love of reading with his hometown of Leavenworth. Saturday, July 5, they celebrated the 10th anniversary of that dream: the opening of the Breeden Memorial Library.



Above, Doug Breeden laughs as Catherine Ramsey, director of the Crawford County Public Library at English, which the Breeden Memorial Library is affiliated, jokes that he always likes to look at BML's patron numbers. Below, Josie and Annabelle Breeden reflect on the 10th anniversary of BML.



However, the day was more than just a celebration of the past 10 years; it was a look ahead, as the Breedens and several members of the community, after marking the BML anniversary, walked across the street to christen the new Annabelle's Gift Shop, Gallery and ArtsCenter.

The 2,000-square-foot facility, unlike any other in Crawford County, if not this area of Southern Indiana, is multi-functional. Walk

through the front doors, accented by white concrete walls and an almost surreal quaint patio, and you'll be greeted with a busy gift shop in what used to be the Cabbage Patch building.

However, beyond that lies the true treasure of the facility. Highlighted by freshly polished hardwood floors that easily reflect the sun from the many windows in a large open-air, two-story facility with banquet tables and a L-shaped loft on the west side. The downstairs contains 1,380 square feet, while the loft adds another 650.

Walk around and you'll see the works of some of the best artists in the region, from several different media. Milltown painter Sue T. Chapman has her own area.

Photographs of Wade Bell, also of Milltown, and paper sculpture creations of Tracy Sednek Duvall, of Corydon, also highlight the area, as do the works of several others.

Doug Breeden said the library, with its volumes of literature, has been his passion — he shared a story of how he would read books from the English Bookmobile during class — while art has been that of his wife, Josie, who studied the discipline while attending San Jose State University.

"To me, (Annabelle's is) the next stage of evolution for us," he said. Doug added that he and Josie decided on the name by wanting to honor his mother, Annabelle, who still plays the piano.

He explained the project evolved over time. Originally meant to be a warehouse-type facility with white walls and gray concrete floors connected to the gift shop, it turned into an elegant, multi-purpose area, with hardwood flooring.

Besides showcasing local artists — it will host a juried art show on Saturday, Aug. 2, the facility can be used as a banquet hall, with seating for up to 100.

As time went on and the Breedens saw the need for a different type of facility, they just went with the flow of changes.

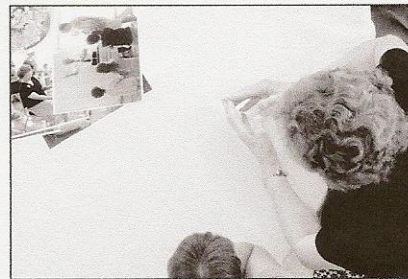
"So, we basically just decided to upgrade our vision," Doug said, adding the facility fits with the rest of the family's ventures in the quaint river town, including the Overlook Restaurant, the Leavenworth Inn and Wyandotte Hall, which hosts wedding receptions and other events.

He noted that a screen for movies and a stage for performing arts may be added, so the facility can expand its artistic boundaries.

"I want our children and grandchildren to have even more arts than we did," and that wasn't much, Doug said, noting Josie, Annabelle and others, including manager Lisa



Guests mingle in the 1,380-square-foot addition, which also features an additional 650-square-foot loft, before Doug and Josie Breeden welcome them to the opening of the ArtsCenter.



Annabelle Breeden, Doug's mother, for whom the ArtsCenter is named, looks at photos during the reception on her table. At right, M. Chipko Roach entertains the crowd with her husband, David. The gallery portion of the facility includes the work of several area artists.

Long, were the leaders of the project.

Prior to officially opening the ArtsCenter, the Breedens reflected on the success of the Breeden Memorial Library. Affiliated with the Crawford County Public Library at English, BML opened on June

been well utilized, as it's more usual than not to see at least 50 kids at the planned children's activities. She noted that the day before the Fourth of July, when she expected numbers to be low because of the holiday, 55 children and 30 adults attended an event.



Other events include Family Movie Night each Thursday at 5 p.m. (call 739-4092 by 4 p.m. for reservations) and Story Time (with crafts), also on Thursdays, at 1 p.m. (call for reservations). "We're just thrilled, and we just appreciate everything so many people have done," Doug said.

Breeden Memorial Library, located at 529 W. S.R. 62, Leavenworth, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 739-4092.

Annabelle's, located at 161 First St., Leavenworth, is open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.

The gallery will host a juried art show on Saturday, Aug. 2. All artists in any media who live in Southern Indiana and the surrounding area are invited to apply. The deadline for applications is July 24.

For more information, call 739-4488.

"I want our children and grandchildren to have even more arts than we did ..."

•Doug Breeden

13, 1998, just six weeks before Doug's father, Russell, passed away. Doug said the senior Breeden was pleased with the facility.

Apparently so was the public, because in 2005, officials OK'd a some 4,000-square-foot expansion, easily more than quadrupling its size. Doug said he doesn't foresee any more additions — "I think this is a good size for the library" — but wants it to continue to get better and better.

Sharon Harvey, who oversees BML, said the extra space, which includes a finished basement, has

"It's amazing the number of kids we have had," she said.

Josie, in praising the library staff, added that it's fun to see "a whole new generation of kids" use the library now that it's 10 years old.

Besides books — the library has 17,311 to choose from, it offers 1,566 DVDs, 10 computers in the children's area, four in the adult area and one laptop. In addition, it offers 24-hour high-speed wireless Internet capability, meaning a person can park in the parking lot at any time and connect their laptop to the Internet.



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Touchdown! Crawford adds football

Board accepts \$100,000 donation

By CHRIS ADAMS
Editor

Are you ready for some football, Crawford County?

The Crawford County Community School Corp. Board of Trustees apparently is, voting unanimously last Tuesday night to move forward with a five-year plan. So is former Crawford Countian Doug Breeden, who formally pledged \$100,000 toward implementation of a program.

The plan, offered by athletic director Jerry Hanger, calls for seventh- and eighth-graders to play a full gridiron schedule next fall, while freshmen and sophomores practice in preparation of playing on a junior varsity team the next year. As a reward, a game or two may be scheduled for the older students near the end of the season, Hanger said.

Varsity football would begin either in the fall of 2006 or 2007, depending on the scheduling availability of other Patoka Lake Athletic Conference schools, Hanger said.

"It's an aggressive and ambitious plan, but one I think we can do," he said.

In an interview Friday, Hanger said the key to successfully getting the program off the ground is to hire a quality varsity coach as soon as possible. Once that person is hired, presumably from vacant teaching positions late this spring, the program will have someone to guide it, he said.

Breeden's donation, which was accepted by a vote of 5-2 (Donald Benz and Rick King against), calls for \$30,000 to be donated by Feb. 28, 2004, \$30,000 by Feb. 28, 2005, \$27,000 by Feb. 28 by 2006, \$6,500 by Feb. 28, 2007, and \$6,500 by Feb. 28, 2008.

That will enable the school corpo-

ration to avoid paying \$48,400 in coaching salaries for the first three years, Hanger said. Traditionally, coaching salaries from all sports are paid from the General Fund, the corporation's main fund.

Breeden's donation would also help pay for athletic equipment, which is estimated to cost \$29,475 for a junior high program with 50 players, according to Hanger's plan.

Many physical facility improvements — goal posts, a press box, bleachers and lighting, among others — totaling some \$375,000 would be phased in before the inaugural varsity season.

The bulk of that will be paid by

the school, likely through Capital Projects Fund money, but some items, including renovation of an old tractor building into a junior high locker room, could be done with the school's building trades class.

Part of the pledge agreement gives Breeden naming rights to the football field for 50 years. The school is to erect a sign recognizing the donation.

Benz, who voted for the program but against the donation, told the other trustees that if Breeden, or anyone, wanted to make a donation, it would be appreciated, but they

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4. Old Capital Golf Course

Located in the larger regional center of Corydon (population 5,000), Walmart 17 miles (25 minutes) from Leavenworth.

Purchased in 1998 and renovated and expanded from 1999 to 2007 at a cost of approximately \$10 million.

5. Rebuilt Old Capital Golf Course in Corydon with \$10 million This is the social hub of Corydon, the regional economic center

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New look highlights Old Capital

The fresh 18-hole layout might be one of Southern Indiana's best

STORY and PHOTOS
By ALAN STEWART
Sports Editor

Although nine newly-constructed holes were opened several weeks ago, the grand reopening of the Old Capital Golf Club was held last week at the golf course in Corydon.

Old Capital Golf Club formerly the Corydon Country Club, began as a 9-hole member-owned and constructed course in 1946. In 1995, the members sold the holes to the property to complete an 18-hole layout.

In 1998, Doug Breeden, a Leavenworth native and now Dean of the School of Business at Duke University, and Corydon's Mark Wiseman, a retired banker, purchased the club from its members. They said their commitment was to provide the membership — and the public — outstanding service and facilities while preserving the history and tradition of the club.

Breeden and Wiseman began a massive reconstruction of the course in 1998. Now, three years and lots of green (the spending kind) later, their efforts have resulted in what may be considered one of the finer golf courses in Southern Indiana. Old Capital boasts a par-72 layout from 5,017 to 6,700 yards, four sets of tees, six man-made lakes, over 40 white-sand bunkers, Bermuda fairways and bent grass greens.

Outside of a few dirt patches along some fairways left from the construction equipment and a bare spot or two on the greens, there's little left to do but, "watch the grass grow," as pro shop manager John Breeden put it. "And once that comes in, she'll really shine."

Several new holes offer the exciting "risk vs. reward" shots.

The most popular, and what may become the course's signature hole, is No. 11, a dogleg-right, par-five beast that crosses over Little Indian Creek — twice.

A perfect shot down the left side of the fairway will allow players to reach the green in two. Hit an errant shot and a bogey would be considered a good score.

One of the trickiest holes is a par-3, No. 7. If the large tree that reaches out from the right side doesn't play havoc with the shot, a sloping green will.

Players too focused on their skins play might not notice some of the other cosmetic changes.

Gorgeous granite yardage markers and tee box markers have been put in at every hole. They came from Designer Golf in Odessa, Fla. The main entrance off S.R. 62 has been blacktopped, an "irons only" practice range opened last week, and fairway yardage stakes should be in place very soon.

"This is a great track," Old Capital runner-up Michael Dees said of the course after finishing second to Prospect's Paul Cline on Sunday. "This place is only going to get better as the grass comes in. It's a really nice course to play."

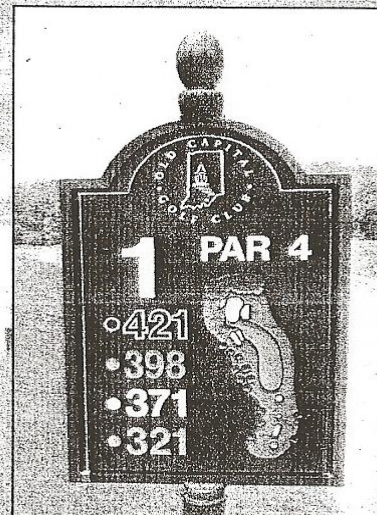
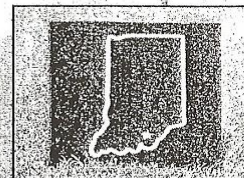
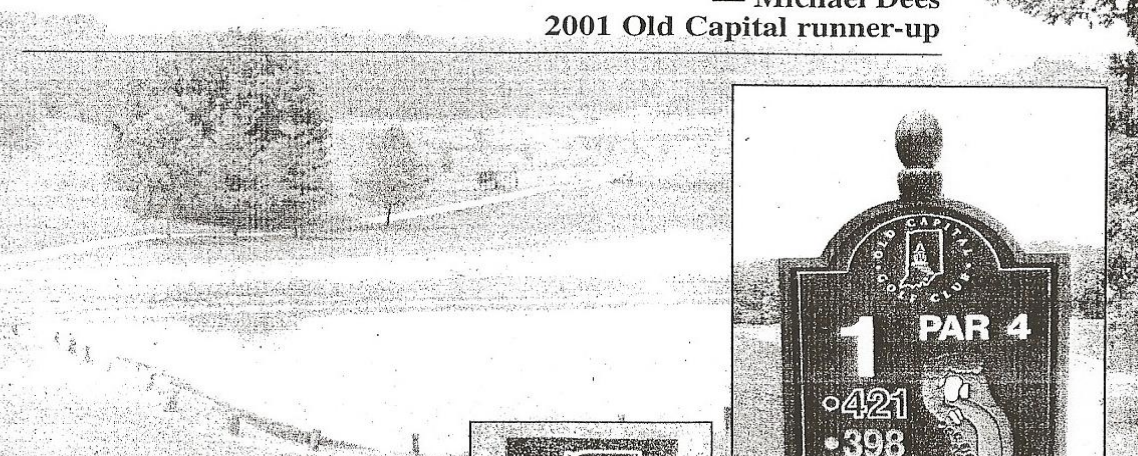
Of course, the expanded pro shop has all of those late minute items like tees, balls, head covers, gloves, soft drinks and Old Capital attire like caps, t-shirts and sweaters in addition to golf clubs.

For those interested in a value, the course has recently been listed on the highly successful golf auction site, golfus.com, which auctions reduced greens fees to the public for twosomes or four-somes.

After bidding on a tee-time or

'This is a great track. This place is only going to get better as the grass comes in.'

— Michael Dees
2001 Old Capital runner-up



two, head over to Old Capital's new website at oldcapitalgolf.com.

The clubhouse has a complete bar and restaurant that is open daily. The club also offers a full service banquet facility that can be rented for any occasion. A pool and tennis courts are available for members and their guests as well.

Future plans include a new clubhouse, new Olympic-size swimming pool, pool house, golf chalets and condominiums in addition to having the PGA figure the course's rating and slope.

Old Capital Golf Club in Corydon recently completed a massive renovation of its 18-hole facility. One of the new yardage markers that gives the layout, including hazards, and distance from each of the tees is above right. At left is a granite tee box marker that sits on each hole.

18th Hole Waterfall at Old Capital



Aerial view of 14th Hole at Old Capital



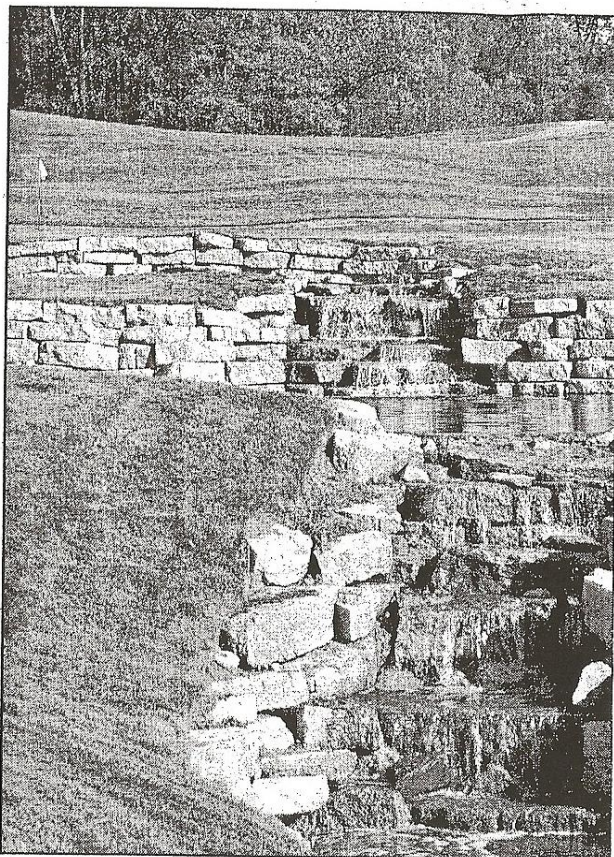
4th and 14th Holes at Old Capital



16th Hole at Old Capital. "Sand Island"



Old Capital debuts two dazzling new holes



The second shot heading into the par-4, No. 9 green, above, at Old Capital Golf Club will have to clear three ponds, three waterfalls and a babbling brook. Both No. 8 and No. 9 holes were reconfigured and will debut to the public this weekend.

STORY and PHOTOS
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"Major construction on the golf course, itself, is complete."

Those were the words of Douglas T. Breeden on Thursday afternoon as he tapped in a couple of putts on the newly-completed No. 9 hole at Old Capital Golf Club in Corydon. The final hole on the front side, as well as No. 8, underwent massive renovation to lengthen and toughen the course.

Barring any setbacks with the weather, the holes will open to the general public this coming weekend, said course manager and club pro Troy Newport.

Breeden, who partnered with Mark Wiseman to purchase the club in September 1998 for \$1.35 million, said the two new holes are part of what he believes to be one of the finer courses in Southern Indiana, as well as the state.

Breeden is now the sole owner of the course.

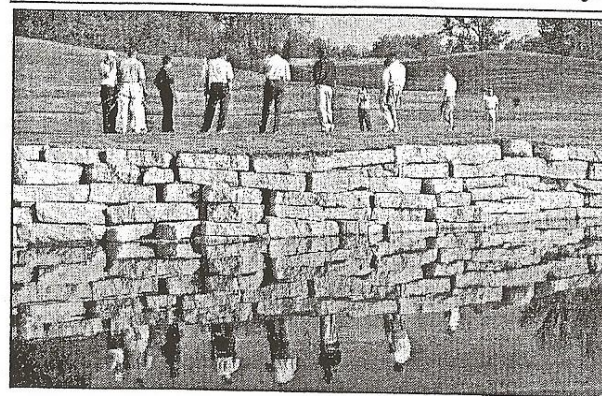
"I'm really happy. Both of these holes turned out better than I expected. This will be a good finishing hole," Breeden said.

The course first opened in 1946 and was known as the Corydon Country Club. The original course had sand putting surfaces, and would have to be smoothed out by the last player in each group before going on to the next hole. Traditional greens were installed in 1957.

In 1995, the club purchased additional land and added nine holes, making it an 18-hole, par-72 course.

After Breeden and Wiseman's purchase was complete in December 1998, the face of the place would begin to change. The design of the

Course layout is complete, owner says



An "eleven-some" takes turns putting on the newly opened No. 9 green at Old Capital Golf Club last Thursday. Another player, Bud Bennett, dropped a ceremonial first-ball into the pond in front of the green before leaving. From left are Larry Harmon, Sam Eckart, Dwight Breeden, Tom Butt, Mark Wiseman, Troy Newport, Josie Breeden, Douglas Breeden, Michael Wiseman, P. Andrew Rideout and John Breeden.

course was modified in many aspects: ponds, bunkers and hundreds of trees were added and the course was lengthened.

In 1996, the course measured 6,091 yards from the blue tees. With the current layout, the blue tees come in at 6,378. For braver souls, black tees push the yardage to 6,732.

Lengthened from a 386-yard, par-4 hole, new No. 8 is quite a bit beefier: it's now a 506-yard, par-5 monster with a large pond surrounding the entire front side the green.

Things don't get any easier on the final hole of the front side, with No. 9 changing from a 523-yard, par-5 to

a 368-yard, par-4, with three collection ponds and a babbling brook lining the left side of the fairway. Even if golfers are able to miss the watery graves, the undulating green will make par a good score.

While the course itself likely won't see any more major changes — outside of possibly flipping the front and back sides — more construction on and near the course is coming.

"I'm envisioning one day having a large clubhouse up there where the scoreboard is, where you have a big

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Building the New 8th and 9th Holes at Old Capital Golf Course with brother John, a Manager. 2005



Old Capital Golf Course 9th Hole





Old Capital Golf Course in 2006-2007: Built Beautiful 3-Hole "Par 3 Loop" for Kids and Beginners



Old Capital set to open par-3

Old Capital Golf Club, one of Southern Indiana's premier golf courses, will celebrate the grand opening of its three-hole par-3 course on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Golf course owner Doug Breeden and special guest will play the first round on the course as part of the grand opening.

The par-3 course is located in the southeast corner of the golf course property just east of downtown Corydon. The short, three-hole course will be operated as a separate facility, and includes a large lake, water fountain and beautiful, natural areas. Yardages range from 60 yards to 140 yards to serve as a development tool for preparing beginners and juniors to play on the "big course."

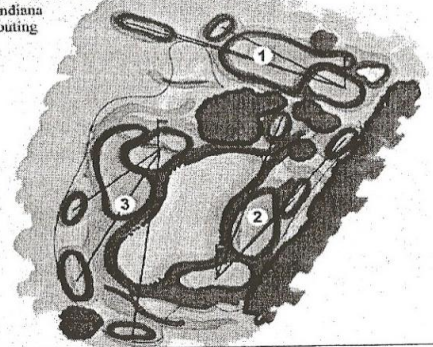
The newest addition to Old Capital was built primarily for families, beginners, youths, junior clinics and warm-up holes for seasoned golfers.

Old Capital's unique par-3 is the only facility of this type in the area. The new par-3 course will be open to the public starting Sunday.

For more information or to schedule a tee time on the new par-3 course, call the Old Capital Pro Shop at 738-2277.

Old Capital Golf Club

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Par 3 Loop Near Completion in March 2007



Old Capital's Par 3 Loop for Kids and Beginners



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