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Region 5 lunch major event at International

One of the major events for Region 5 at the Sedalia, Missouri International Rally later this month will be the Region luncheon Friday, June 29, at the Best Western State Fair Inn. Cost of the luncheon will be

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\$13 per person, including tax and gratuity. Sign-up will take place during registration

at the Region 5 table.

The last day for signing up will be June 26. If your parking date for the International is after June 26 and you desire to attend the luncheon contact Region 5 President Louise Humble by email.

The menu for the luncheon will be Orange Glaze Grilled Chicken Breast, Crisp Tossed Green Salad with assorted dress-
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Region 5 Merit Award winners
SUPERIOR MERIT AWARD

Central Indiana
Illinois Lincolnland
Kentucky
Southern Illinois
Southern Indiana

MERIT AWARD

Indiana
Northern Illinois



A painting of the Obama ancestral homestead near Kempton

Region 5 Rally attraction

Obama's ancestral home near Tipton

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of stories appearing in the Region 5 Report on attractions in the Tipton, IN area where the Region 5 Rally will be held Sept. 12-16.

The diverse lineage of President Barack Obama is well-known, but few are aware of his family ties to Indiana and in particular to Tipton County where the 2012 Region 5 Rally will

be held Sept. 12-16.

The homestead, where three generations of Obama grandparents lived, is located in Kempton -- a community of 400 -- and located some 13 miles west of Tipton.



President Obama with current ancestral home owner Shawn Christopher Clements.

Jacob Dunham came to Tipton County in the 1840s and is Obama's great-great-great grandfather on his mother's side.

The land was passed to a son, Jacob Mackey Dunham in 1856, then to a brother, Samuel Goodnight Dunham, who in turn passed it to a son, William Riley Dunham, who built the Dunham home that is still standing. A subsequent generation moved to Kansas, where Obama's mother grew up.

The connection of Kempton and Obama was discovered in 2007 by Shawn Christopher Clements, a contractor who specializes in historic restoration, who had purchased the house in 2004. Clements had been living in the Indian-

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Message from President Louise Humble

Greetings to all,

As the International Rally in Sedalia approaches, Jerry and I are having very mixed emotions. We are happy to be attending the rally as it affords us the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and catch up on all that has occurred during the past year. We are sad, however, as this International Rally concludes our

our time as Region 5 president.

It is difficult to convey in words all the positive things that holding this office has done for us. We have been fortunate to be able to meet so very many of you and even more fortunate to be able, after these past six years, to call you our friends.

You have provided Jerry and me with
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Region 5 Computerfest will focus on Web tips, uses

Web tips and uses will be an integral part of the Region 5 2012 Computerfest Rally at the Tipton, Indiana County Fairgrounds Sunday, Sept. 9 through Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Computerfest Coupon

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Gordon White from the Southern Illinois Unit and Program Chairman for the Computerfest, has provided a tentative outline for the seminars.

The program will kick off Monday with a session led by White that will be devoted to answering participants questions. The second session Monday morning will be on the new WBCCI.net website and will be led by Carolyn Beardshear of the Central Indiana Unit and a member of the WBCCI Electronic Communications Committee.

White will lead the first Monday afternoon session on “Genealogy 101 and the World Wide Web”. The second session will be on pictures and led by Don Grayson from the Central Indiana Unit.

The Tuesday sessions will kick off with “Tips and Uses of the WBCCI Website” led by Beardshear followed by a session on “Dealing With E-Mail Attachments: Sending And/Or Receiving” led by White.

The afternoon session Tuesday will be devoted to addressing issues that come up during the Computerfest and other issues participants would like to have addressed.

Following tradition the Computerfest will kick off with the Pizza Party Sunday evening with the pizza and soft drinks brought to the Fairgrounds Community Building.

The Monday and Tuesday activities will be kicked off with the famous Bob Green breakfasts. The Monday menu is pancakes and

Fall Harvest Days Region 5 Rally, Tipton, IN Sept. 12-16 WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Four nights of park.
- 30 amp electricity, water, dump station
- Special weekend rate
- Region 5 member first timer discount
- Three breakfasts, one dinner
- Tours
- Seminars
- Flea market
- Buildings air conditioned
- Hospitality Center
- Games

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sausage and the Tuesday menu biscuits and gravy with fried potatoes.

The Tipton Fairgrounds, once the permanent location of the Computerfest, has excellent facilities with a table for every participant and an abundance of electric outlets.

Scheduled Tuesday evening is an early arrival dinner for the Region 5 Rally to which all Computerfest participants are invited. Meat is provided. Bring table service and a dish to share.

Region 5 International Committee chairs in need of volunteers

John Green and Susan Swearingen, from the Illinois Lincolnland Unit, will be serving as chairs of committees at the International Rally later this month in Sedalia, MO and are in need of volunteers.

Green is serving as chairman of the WBCCI Club Store Committee.

Duties for volunteer including selling WBCCI items and accepting payments and making change. A shift is four hours.

Anyone interested in assisting can contact Green by email at jwgreen@mtco.com or by phone at 309-657-3102.

Swearingen is chair of the Building Security Committee, that provides security for the evening programs, Delegates meeting, flea market and for judging.

Anyone interested in assisting Susan can contact her by phone at 309-824-5085 or by email at smsflyfisher@hotmail.com.

Obama ancestral home near Tipton among Region 5 Rally attractions

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apolis suburbs and was looking for property in a less congested area.

After the purchase he was researching the history of the property when he came across a story in the Chicago Sun-Times about Illinois Senator Brack Obama, who was a Democratic candidate for president. It made reference to Obama ancestors named Dunham who once lived in central Indiana. Further investigation identified Obama's great-great grandfather as the man who built the home he had purchased.

Clements contacted Obama's staff with the information and when the future president was making a campaign swing through Central Indiana in the Spring of 2008, he came to Kempton to tour the home.

Obama learned that the man who built

the house was a former member of the Indiana House of Representatives, and a Democrat.

Local legend has it that President Grover Cleveland was an acquaintance of William Riley Dunham and had once visited the home. One of Dunham's children, and a subsequent owner of the home, was named Grover Cleveland Dunham.

The home is a large white farmhouse with some 5,000 square feet of living space and is located at 709 South West Street. Its most prominent feature is a tiger oak staircase, still in good condition. Over the years Clements has worked on updating the home and taking it back to its original condition. Much of it had been modified when it was once used as a funeral home.

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**2nd Vice President
To be named**

29th Computerfest Rally, Region 5

Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, Indiana
Sun. Sept. 9—Tuesday, Sept. 11

Last _____ First _____

Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Handicap Parking Yes No

WBCCI No. _____ Unit _____ Region _____

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

Trailer/Motorhome—2 persons \$ 60 _____

Trailer/Motorhome—1 person \$ 55 _____

Additional persons each \$ 10 _____

Pizza party (optional)

_____ persons at \$7.50 \$ _____

TOTAL _____

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to Ron Gordy, Region 5 Treasurer, 202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909. Full refund cancellation accepted until Sept. 1.

Message from President Humble

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some of the most delightful experiences and adventures. I couldn't possibly list them all but a few come to mind immediately - the circus, exploring Cincinnati, the Crane Naval facility, the elk farm, the Lincoln Highway, discovering Indianapolis and taking a plane ride! We've learned about the Amish in both the north and the south of our region, we've been to huge yard sales, met the Pickers, gone to the races and had some HOT games of bean bag baseball. We've enjoyed long conversations around campfires and at tables loaded with delicious food. We really can't think of a better way to have spent the last six years.

We want to thank you again for your friendship and your willingness to share your lives with us. We can only hope that each of you will have the opportunity to experience what we have experienced within this region. We thank you again and we'll see you down the road,

—President Louise Humble

Happy Anniversary

Charles and Kitty Pierce,
Indiana Unit, 70 years. June 6

Bob and Nancy Green, Indiana Unit, 50 years. June 23

Marston Blue Beret Contributing Editor

Patsy Marston, Central Indiana Unit member, has replaced Nancy Green as Blue Beret Contributing Editor for Region 5. Green has provided valuable service for nine years.

Harvest Time in Tipton, Indiana

Region 5 Rally Registration Form
September 12-16, 2012

Last _____ First _____

Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____

Telephone _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit # _____ Region _____

Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO

Would you be willing to participate in an open house? YES NO
\$5 will be refunded to participants

All sites will be 30 Amp with Water (Dump station available)

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE:

Trailer/Motorhome —2 persons \$195 _____

Trailer/Motorhome —1 person \$170 _____

No RV on site—2 persons \$135 _____

No RV on site—1 person \$110 _____

Per child Age 4-18 \$25x _____ (no. of children) \$ _____

(Region 5 First Timer—deduct \$10 per Rig) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

REGISTER FOR ONE MORNING TOUR

THE KELLEY AGRICULTURAL AND HISTORICAL FARM

(Donations Accepted) (No. of persons) _____

A SUMMER PLACE Lunch \$12 x _____ (No. persons) \$ _____

Banana Split \$3 x _____ (No. persons) \$ _____

KOKOMO OPALESCENT GLASS \$5 x _____ (No. persons) \$ _____

REGISTER FOR ONE AFTERNOON TOUR

CANNERY TOUR (Free) (No. of persons) _____

THE HOUSE OF GLASS in Elwood (Free) (No. persons) _____

SUMMER PLACE MOVIE (Free) (No. of persons) _____

"The Long, Long Trailer" Lucille Ball

WEEKEND ONLY REGISTRATION—SEPT. 14-16, 2012

Trailer/Motorhome —2 persons \$135 _____

Trailer/Motorhome —1 person \$110 _____

No RV on site—2 persons \$115 _____

No RV on site—1 person \$ 90 _____

Per child Age 4-18 \$15x _____ (no. of children) \$ _____

(Region 5 First Timer—deduct \$10 per rig) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail registration (include SASE for receipt) w/check payable to "Region 5 WBCCI" to Ron Gordy, Treas., 202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909

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Region 5 lunch at International June 29

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ings, Bake Potato with sour cream and butter, Green Vegetable, Blueberry or Peach Cobbler and coffee, tea and water.

Several special events are scheduled for the luncheon.

—Merit awards presented to Units (see list on page 1)

—Introduction of new staff members for incoming president

Barry Bell.

—Remarks from President Louise Humble

—Door prize drawing (Units are encouraged to bring door prizes. Hand-made items are preferred).