Library began with dream of three Girl Scout groups

You cannot write about Caseyville without writing about the people who inhabit it and deriding it, past or present, for there would be no town at all without the people who lived here. A town is only as good as its citizens want it to be. If they wish it to grow and prosper, they will mold its destiny with the care of a great sculptor; and paint its tomorrows with a magnificence of a plain man, ever looking onward and upward to bigger and better things.

If they desert it, the town will soon become a mere skeleton of itself, leaving its destiny to the whim of Mother Nature, and you know how unpredictable she is.

You should not live in a small town without becoming involved in its well-being. Either through some organization, church, political party, or just as an interested citizen, you are a stakeholder in the things happening around you. This also happens on a state and national level and much of the country’s problems stem from the great citizen majority.

Pet reclamation now costs $15 for first day

In the future it will cost at least $218.00 a year to keep a pet that has been picked up by the dog warden. The "animal control" have been sent by St. Clair County Animal Control and the Belleville Humane Society.

In Caseyville and were particular that they could do it on a shoestring if everyone in town rallied to the call. The Girls Scouts got busy and sold subscriptions to the Caseyville-O’Fallon News, a weekly paper at that time, and the girls received a tiny little sum for their efforts. The Village donated all the proceeds from a Coke machine that was located in the Village Hall, and helped in any way possible. The people of Caseyville answered the call and donated funds as well as books, Beavis and more books, all of which had to be checked and rechecked.

The first Caseyville Library was housed in the small ballroom downstairs at the City Hall. The books increased with such speed that it became all too evident more space was needed. The Village Board agreed to let the Library Committee use the room upstairs at the City Hall where they accepted gifts, whose donated time and effort by voluntary people was out of this world.

With each passing day the dream became more of a reality. In 1961, a Library Board was formed, and those women who persevered knew the Caseyville Library had arrived. A Mrs. Whitter was sent to Caseyville by the State of Illinois to show them how to set up a Public Library System in 1962; and it became a reality. The Library was able to buy new books and other materials with the funds raised. The library has continued to grow and is now a part of the Belleville Library System.