



## A new Culver novel

Above: Culver's Marcia Adams has released her fourth novel, this time set in the Culver area, circa 1885, and focusing on the adventures of a girl named Alexia, which is also the title of the book, published by Hawthorne Publishing. The silhouette on the cover is an image of Adams' granddaughter, Sophia Adams, daughter to her son John, from an original photo taken by Sophia's mother Corinne Adams.

See full story, below.

# Journey of a Maxinkuckee girl

## New novel takes readers back to Culver's past

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Lake Maxinkuckee and the surrounding area has been something of a muse for a number of authors over the years (after all, "Ben Hur" author Lew Wallace dubbed it "the most beautiful place on earth"). This month, add longtime Culver resident Marcia Adams to that list. Adams' new novel, "Adventures of Alexia, a Lake Maxinkuckee Girl: 1885" has been published by Hawthorne Publishing of Carmel ([www.hawthornepub.com](http://www.hawthornepub.com)), a company operated in part by another novelist inspired by the area, Nancy Baxter, whose series of historical novels about pioneer times often features the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area.

Adams says the book began with a story concept revolving around a young woman on her way to French Lick, sucked into dastardly deeds that occur on her train. "Then I got on the subject of trains and thought, 'Why not change her to a 10 year old girl?'"

The girl, Alexia, comes to visit her grandmother here in what was then known as Marmont, rather than Culver. "And she does have adventures," smiles Adams. "They're little ones, but they're so special for her. When you write, you become so interested in the characters that they take over, really. They have a personality. It's almost like a mystery novel to try to find out how that person is going to develop."

Adams says she chose 1885 because the railroad had arrived here (first in 1878) but train travel was still a new concept. "It wasn't old hat to get on a train and do something. That in itself was an adventure. They did have people coming (to the area), but this is right before that era when Culver did become kind of a vacation spot. It was still an embryo of what Culver is now. The adventures were really new adventures."

"Another thing that fascinated me," she adds, "was when I got to thinking about these pioneers that first settled here. The wonder of wanting to be here, with all the swampiness of the place! The whole writing is dedicated to those people that had that fortitude to come and stay and make homes."

Baxter, who also served as editor of the book, says she was impressed with the pacing of the story, reflective as it is of the times. "The fact that Marcia's book is leisurely in its pace shows people who are savoring their lives," Baxter explains. "If they could take a time machine, they'd see how much more frenetic we are today... children were so much freer."

The novel is divided into four sections based on seasons, rather than

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## Culver of the novels

Marcia Adams' new novel set in Culver joins a long line of fictional works whose authors were led to set all or part of their stories in or around Culver. The area — Lake Maxinkuckee, no doubt, in particular — has also been the inspiration for some literary greats whose work may not have directly featured Culver as a setting, but which were inspired by their surroundings.

### Literary giants at Lake Maxinkuckee:

**Lew Wallace:** part of "Ben Hur." Civil War general Wallace made at least a few fishing trips to Lake Maxinkuckee (as well as nearby Bass Lake) and legend has it that he penned the first few chapters of his legendary tome "Ben Hur" at the Allegheny House on today's 18B Rd. at the Maxinkuckee village, one of the oldest still-standing structures in the area today. Wallace was famously quoted in a 1905 article in the Chicago American as calling Lake Maxinkuckee "the most beautiful place in the world."

**James Whitcomb Riley:** "The Blue Above and the Green Below." Riley was, of course, the nationally known "Hoosier Poet" (one of whose poems inspired the character Little Orphan Annie), so his work technically doesn't fall under the "novel" banner, but it's certainly literary. Besides frequenting the lake on train trips north from Indianapolis, Riley's ode to Maxinkuckee, "The Blue Above and the Green Below" cements his role in the area's cultural history.

**Booth Tarkington:** part of "The Gentleman from Indiana." See Novels page 8

## Vandalia Village is here!

Above, foreground: Lucy Overmyer, age 4, was one of the first children to "test drive" the play train at Vandalia Village, the new community-built playground constructed in one day last Saturday. Several of Lucy's family members, as well as individual volunteers and those from a number of community organizations, schools, clubs, and churches worked together on the build. In the background, members of the CAVS service club at Culver Comm. High School and the Culver Academies' service club rake newly-laid mulch — which they hauled in from a mountainous pile nearby — beneath the new playground. More photos page 11.

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# It takes a (Vandalia) Village...

## Community effort makes playground a reality

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Thanks to volunteer efforts and community financial support over recent years, Culver area children will have a new and exciting place to play. Over 120 people from all walks of life, including individuals as well as representatives of Culver's volunteer fire department, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, and service clubs from both the Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies, gathered Oct. 18 to bring three years of planning into fruition and "Vandalia Village" into existence.

The all-day community effort resulted in the installation of two major playground structures: a large "ship" — complete with masts, slides, climbing walls, and a working periscope — and a "train" structure for younger children. The equipment was manufactured by NuToys, Inc., whose two representatives, Chuck Gardiner and John Beeto, oversaw the project. Gardiner, who has overseen about 10 such builds in the past, said the day's work went "real well. We had a lot of volunteers and beautiful weather."

Glenn Patton, working on the ship, agreed "Everybody showed up ready to work."

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## Longtime Culverite is publishing, writing entrepreneur

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Nancy and Arthur Baxter, whose Hawthorne Publishing is responsible for Marcia Adams' new novel, "Adventures of Alexia: A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl, 1885," are no strangers to Lake Maxinkuckee themselves, at least not for the past 55 years. It's been that long since the Indianapolis couple first arrived here and built a house on Queen Rd. in addition to their Indianapolis hope. Former teachers (they founded their own school in Traverse City, Mich. Before moving to Connecticut and then Indiana), the Baxters got involved in publishing in 1987, when there was no regional press in Indiana outside IU Press and the Indiana Historical Society's publishing arm, says Nancy Baxter.

Baxter's literary career may be best known for her "Heartland Chronicles" series of five historical fiction novels set largely in Indiana and telling, among others, the story of the Potawatomi Indians' deporta-

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## In Brief

### Lions Halloween Party

The Culver Lions will again sponsor the annual Halloween Party on Thurs. Oct. 30 at the Culver Middle School gymnasium. This is a party for anyone in the Culver Comm. School Corporation. Registration will start at 6 pm.. Costume judging will start at 6:35 p.m. Games will begin at 7 p.m. The judging categories will be: Infant through 3 years old; 4 and 5 year old; 6 and 7 year old; 8 and 9 year old; 10 and up. It is not necessary to be in costume to participate in the games.

### Trick-or-Treating in Culver and Monterey

Halloween Trick-or-Treating this year in Culver will take place Fri., Oct. 31 from 5 - 7 p.m. Monterey Trick-or-Treating will take place the same day from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### VFW Candidates' Night Oct. 23

Culver's VFW will hold a Candidates Night Thurs., Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the VFW on E. Washington St. Area candidates for public office have been invited, with several confirmations so far, to address the public as to each candidate's policies and platform. A question and answer period will follow. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Check out a club at the library Nov. 8

Looking for a new craft, club or hobby? Find it at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Sat., Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. If you have a club you wish to grow or even start a new club, a craft or hobby you want to share, just call the library at 574-842-2941 and reserve a free table to decorate with your information. Genealogy, Friends of the Library, Antiquarian and Historical Society, and many more are already expected. Get a hobby, join a club, start a craft before the cold winds and snows of winter are all over us.

### DivorceCare begins Oct. 27

DivorceCare divorce recovery classes begin Oct. 27. See 'Briefs' page 7



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chapters proper, each focusing on one day. "I thought Marcia had paced her story so well by choosing four snapshots of life here (showing) a certain day more than anything else," Baxter notes. "We can feel the pace of what life was like here for child and adults."

"I thought Marcia's book had such a good grasp of child psychology," Baxter adds. "This little girl gets mad and bosses her friend around, and then feels bad and has to apologize. She toys with the idea of having a boyfriend, and rejects it. All this is going on in a historical setting that's so realistic I never had to change a thing as editor."

This is not Marcia Adams' first foray into fiction writing, as many in the area know. "Alexia" is actually her fourth novel (preceded by "Shadow Patterns," "Scent of Lavendar," and "Timshell"), and is similar to the previous three at least in her use of place as an important factor in the story. "Children will get the ambiance of the lake (reading "Alexia"), but they should also love their town. Children don't get this in school. If parents share it with kids, it's an informal way of learning history. I would like to see more of this type of thing."

Adams, who came to Culver herself in 1950, says she started writing "Alexia" about two and a half years ago; she notes that the fact that the book is not large in page numbers doesn't mean it didn't require many, many hours of work. "Everything is historical," she says. "It can't be just put down on paper without checking. Did they really have this fruit or these vegetables? When did electricity come to Culver? What were the living arrangements? So historically, everything had to be checked. This little girl...came from a city, Indianapolis. Then you start saying, 'Ok, what did vehicles look like? How did they travel? What were roads like?'"

Besides Baxter's help, Adams credits local history experts like Pete Trone and John Houghton, whom she consulted for historical details. All of this led to more meticulous work than the usual labor of editing a manuscript.

"It's a hermit's job," muses Adams, who says a sequel is planned for the future. "You've got to be alone and be focused on what you're thinking. It's fun, it's exciting. And it's fulfilling. It's a passion!"

"Alexia" may be ordered from Adams herself, or via [www.hawthornepub.com](http://www.hawthornepub.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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tion from this area in the Trail of Death.

"I was writing 'The Movers' (one of the novels in the Heartland Chronicles)," recalls Nancy. "And Walden Press urged me to get active in publishing in Indiana."

The Baxter's company, Guild Press of Indiana (later Emmis Press, when that company bought the Baxters out) published over 200 books, mostly about Indiana. Among the novels published were Marcia Adams' first two. "Art and I continue doing a few books a year," Nancy notes. "We have five this year."

"A Hoosier Farm Boy in Lincoln's Army" was actually Nancy's first book, and it's still in print. However, "The Gallant Fourteenth" is my classic," she quickly adds.

"I'm very proud of Nancy," says Art Baxter. "If you Google 'Nancy Bilblack Baxter,' your screen quickly fills up."

Hawthorne Publishing can be found online at [www.hawthornepub.com](http://www.hawthornepub.com)

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## On the Kiwanis front

Above: Culver's Kiwanis Club inducted officers and board members, which included the transition from Dick Swennumson, far left, to Grant Munroe (to Swennumson's left) as president of the club. Others pictured: back row, left to right, Dave Baker, Jeff Kenney, Jim Weirick, Bernard Busart. Front row, Ginny Munroe, Marian Reinholt, Latham Lawson, and Mary Weirich.

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Left: Then-president Dick Swennumson welcomes Chad Van Herk of First Farmers Bank & Trust in Culver, as the Kiwanis Club's newest member.

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That's half the battle. We had a great turnout and good people. It's been a lot of fun."

Culver Academies sophomore Joel Florek, who has worked with his Marquette, Mich. family on house renovation projects all his life, was impressed with the number of volunteers and the spirit of assistance. Academies service club members -- as well as CAVS club volunteers from CCHS -- were slated to show up later in the afternoon to help spread the mountain of mulch required under the new playground, but, said an enthusiastic Florek, "I came early to help build."

Indeed, dozens of students from both schools arrived around 3 p.m. and began hauling tarpfulls of mulch to the playground and raking the new ground cover smooth.

"This is a caring community," said Mick Henley, who spent a good part of the day helping pour concrete for the playground base. "I've never been in a place where people care so much about their community and each other. The Culver Bible Church really came through with lunch...it was fantastic."

Park director Kelly Young praised the volunteer workers and added appreciation for Culver street dept. head Bob Porter and his crew, who helped remove old equipment and prepare the east end space (near the swimming beach) for the arrival of new equipment. She also thanked Tim Howard and his construction crew for digging post holes the evening prior to the build. She noted members of the Culver Bible

Church and staff from Miller's Merry Manor provided lunch, besides treats and other edibles provided by a number of individuals throughout the community.

"This project showed lots of teamwork," Young said. "We've had excellent, excellent support. It feels wonderful... Culver does care about its children!"

She added signs listing donors are scheduled for installation in the spring, with a new swing set and fence -- including personalized pickets ordered by many throughout the community -- arriving next year as well.

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## Community Calendar

### Thursday, Oct. 23

Fall break (No school Oct. 23 & 24), Culver Community Schools  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Dan Schmelter, US Financial Review, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public

### Library

Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
VFW Candidates' Night, 7 p.m., Culver VFW, Washington St.

### Saturday, Oct. 25

Halloween camp, 10 a.m. Sat. and Sun., Culver Academies' Woodcraft camp

### Monday, Oct. 27

Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Yoga, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

### Thursday, Oct. 30

Culver Academies' fall weekend leave begins  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Mary Pruess, WNIT-TV president, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
"Got Ghosts?" ghost story sharing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Lions Club annual children's Halloween party, 6 p.m., Culver Middle School gym

## Engagement - Endres, Bradford



Michael Endres of Plymouth and Elizabeth Bradford of Argos announce their engagement to be married June 27, 2009 at Argos United Methodist Church.

The future bride is the daughter of Greg and LuAnn Bradford of North

Manchester. She is a 2002 graduate of Triton Jr.-Sr. High School. She graduated from Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education K-12. She is employed by Argos Community Schools as an art teacher.

The future groom is the son of Joe and Ann Endres of Plymouth. He is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth High School. He currently attends IIT Technical Institute working toward a bachelor's degree in information systems security. He is employed with Pioneer Auto.

## Tetzloff is Driver of the Month once again

The Shaffer Trucking terminal in Columbus, Ohio, once again named Jeffrey Tetzloff of Culver, Driver of the Month for August. Tetzloff also received this award in April of this year.

Tetzloff started driving 24 years ago and has logged more than a million miles.

"Jeff is a consistent professional performer in all aspects," supervisor Anthony Zavarelli said. "Including productivity, customer service and safety."

Tetzloff will receive a plaque and compete with drivers of the month from 13 other fleets for Shaffer Trucking's Driver of the Year award, which is awarded in December.

To be named Driver of the Month, drivers must be accident-free for the month of recognition, maintain steady production, keep accurate logs and warrant no disciplinary actions stemming from complaints within or without the company.

Shaffer Trucking, based in Lincoln, Neb., is one of nation's premiere refrigerated carriers, hauling more candy than any other carrier. With 14 fleets nationwide, Shaffer Trucking hauls beverages, candy and confections across the 48 continental states.

## REAL Services

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

**Thursday, Oct. 23:** BBQ pork, bun, whipped sweet potatoes, Italian green beans, pineapple, and milk.

**Friday, Oct. 24:** Sweet & sour smoked sausage, black eyed peas, coleslaw, roll & margarine, cherry cobbler, and milk.

**Monday, Oct. 27:** Ribbette, bun, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, peaches, and milk.

**Tuesday, Oct. 28:** Chicken Ala King, diced potatoes,

cauliflower, dinner roll & margarine, grape juice, and milk.

**Wednesday, Oct. 29:** Salisbury Steak, gravy, carrots, broccoli, bread & margarine, strawberries, and milk.

**Thursday, Oct. 30:** Salisbury Steak, gravy, bread & margarine, mashed potatoes, beets, fruit, dessert, and milk.

**Friday, Oct. 31:** Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread & margarine, fruit cocktail, brownie delight, and milk.

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## Obituary

### Jack E. Campbell

May 20, 1927 - Oct. 14, 2008

CULVER — Jack E. Campbell, 81 of Culver, passed away on Oct. 14, 2008 at home.

Jack was born on May 20, 1927 in Kendallville to Marvel (Eddy) and Orrin D. Campbell, who preceded him in death. He graduated from Rome City (Indiana) High School in 1945. He immediately enlisted in the Navy and served at Subic Bay in the Philippine Islands for

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In 1950, he married Lila in 1982. Jack married Mari- Other survivors include ver, and Susan (Roger) Thews Shockney of Katy, Texas, Su- 13 grandchildren and five Jack started in the boat in Rome City, Ind. in 1932. pany on the south end of Lake he built the Culver Marina on the sale of the business.

He was an avid circus and opening them up for the pub- the National Carousel Con- Carousel won an award. All in Olcott Beach, New York ing Chris Craft boats. Many supervision. He was a mem- and a 61 year member of the

Visitation with the family Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Rev. Larry Saunders officiated services on Oct. 18, 2008 at 11 a.m. EDT at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver, with visitation one hour before the service. Burial followed at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the Wesley United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.bonineodm.com](http://www.bonineodm.com)

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, was in charge of arrangements.



more than a year during WWII.

Joyce Campbell in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death lyn Steele in 1986 in Kokomo, Indiana. She survives. three children, David of Rochester, Jack, Jr. (Linn) of Cul- of Culver; three stepchildren: Mary Catherine (James) san Steele of Indianapolis, and John Steele of Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren.

business at an early age when his parents opened a marina. In 1953, he and his father purchased the Culver Boat Com- Maxinkuckee. He operated at that location until 1975 when the south east corner of the lake. Jack retired in 2004 after

carnival enthusiast. He enjoyed restoring antique rides and lic on Sunday afternoons at the marina. In 1997 he hosted vention where his restoration of a 1927 Allan Herschell of the rides and band organ were purchased by a museum where they are now on display. Jack also enjoyed restor- of the boats on Lake Maxinkuckee were restored under his ber of the Lions Club, Wesley United Methodist Church, American Legion.

was held Oct. 17, 2008 from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT at the Bonine-

## 75 years and counting

Above: 100-year old Ferris Zechiel, left, and wife Leona celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary Oct. 19 at their residence at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. "We've had a wonderful life," says Ferris. "We've had good times and bad times." Asked about the secret of his marriage's longevity, Ferris smiles, "Give it to the man up there!"

At right is the couple's 1933 wedding photo.



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## In next week's Citizen:

- Greg Fassett celebrates 30 years with Miller's Merry Manor
- A look at this year's Culver scarecrows
- Wesley Preschool hits the pumpkin patch



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It's striking to me, as I sit out here in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, how much life at a boarding school is like life in a small town (other than the part about every other person being your third cousin). People quickly learn, for example, to be careful whom they talk about. In a community of 500 students and maybe another 300 faculty and spouses, private comments rarely remain private for very long, and talking behind peoples' backs tends to carry its own punishments along with it. And I think much the same thing is true, even in a town of 1500. I remember once as a kid, sitting in conversation with someone on a pier and referring to Mr. W. O. Osborn as "Uncle Billy"—a nick-name I suppose I must have heard from my elders. The person on the next towel said, in a notably chilly voice, "Actually, in the family we call him Will."



## It's *still* the lake water...

By John Wm. Houghton

The particular resemblance I've had in mind lately, though, has to do with Halloween. I've seen a lot of different Halloween practices over the years. When I was in college, my parish church had an All Saints' Sunday parade, with all the kids and a number of the adults processing in to the service in their costumes. The most memorable one, at this distance of time, was Professor Zeph Stewart, an eminent classical scholar (and brother of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court). Mr. Stewart came to church in a pretty typical professor suit, carrying his young daughter in a bunny-rabbit outfit—the sort of thing that might even have actually been an elaborate set of pajamas. The key to the whole ensemble was that Mr. Stewart (in a tribute to his actor namesake, in the 1950 movie *Harvey*, which revolves around a certain Mr. Dowd, a man who can see an otherwise invisible 6'3" rabbit) had had "Elwood P. Dowd" business cards printed up, and like the fellow in the movie, handed them out saying "Now if you should want to call me, use this number. This other one is the old number." The old movie fans in the congregation loved it.

(There may be something here about Episcopalians and old movies: another parish I went to had a Halloween costume party for the adults one evening, with instructions for everyone to come as an actor in a favorite role. I dressed as Lord Olivier, playing Lord Nelson, in the 1941 *That Hamilton Woman*. I did my best to duplicate Lord Nelson's famous wounds, wearing an eye patch and having my right arm tied up under my uniform jacket to reflect the limb Nelson had lost at Tenerife. I did get points for authenticity, but I also discovered that a cocktail party, with all those little plates of food and no tables, was no place to experiment with one-handed dining.)

Here at the Hill, we have our usual sit-down dinner on Halloween evening, but everyone dresses in costume. The Headmaster and his wife came, last year, as a Pharaoh and Queen of Egypt, and three or four seniors conspired to come in a variety of tweed jackets, costumed as the school administration. The smaller faculty children come in their costumes as well, and then go trick or treating around campus in one large pack after dinner.

Of course, what we get from the little kids is really mostly

treating. There is, thankfully, no real tricking going on here on this 157 year old campus. Apparently the "trick or treat" combination, with its threat of minor vandalism, only goes back to the 1930s. In fact, in some parts of the country (and even, I think, at some times in Culver) the "trick" part referred to the child performing: telling a joke, or singing a little tune, rather than soaping windows or tossing around rotten eggs.

But back in the nineteenth century, there does seem to have been some more serious trickery. Horace Corbin wrote in *One Township's Yesterdays*:

Along came Halloween each year, and with it came the usual call to "raisons" and disturb the peaceful lives of elders . . . who once had been young themselves. (A few of them forgot they ever had been young). Property, both private and public, mysteriously moved from old locations to new overnight, and annoyed owners searched high and low for what was rightfully theirs. The inanimate things that were lost, of course had no feet, but they traveled to far places. Many were the labors, borne sometimes in a Christian spirit, during the aftermath of a Halloween, that marked the salvaging of various things that had been lost.

In 1905, however, Corbin notes, there was a major change—instead of relocating property around town, the boys of Culver got together in a room upstairs from the Citizen office on Halloween and played games.

The 1905 editor of the paper hoped would that games instead of theft would become a tradition Halloween tradition in Culver. I don't know that that wish has come true every year since, but it's certainly happened a lot. I remember one occasion when I was kid and Craig Walker (son of Thomas and Charlotte) took part in a town Halloween parade as ancient and modern Greece, I in some sort of a tunic and Craig in a Greek Army honor guard uniform he had brought home from his father's year of teaching overseas. And the last October I was actually home, I went with friends (and relatives) from the Lions Club to help at a gathering for the town's costumed crowds. It must have been then about a century after the gathering Corbin talks about, not that any of us was thinking about the anniversary: but it seems to me that traditions like this work for us, even when we don't remember the history behind them. Consciously or not, they bind us together across the generations and through the centuries.

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*A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and*

## Nostalgia

### 75 years ago

Oct. 25, 1933

- The 297,000 pound engines of the Pennsylvania Railroad came through Culver and proceeded to spin their wheels as effectively as if a coat of sleet were on the tracks. The multi-colored leaves from the Vandalia Park trees caused the southbound train on its way to the depot to slide helplessly past the viaduct (on Washington St.) before it could stop. The evening train got to the depot all right, but when it tried to start again, its drive wheels spun without effect. Sand was applied to the tracks and after a dozen puffing and roaring attempts, the engine headed indignantly down the tracks while the falling leaves danced with glee at their prank.

### 50 years ago

Oct. 22, 1958

- See living color by RCA Victor on your new TV from

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Kline's TV & Appliance, 113 S. Main St. Big color shows this week! Perry Como, Jerry Lewis, Steve Allen, Dinah Shore, and more! All on channel 16. Dial Viking 2-2861.

- Thurs. Oct. 23, come masked to the Halloween party at the Culver Skating Rink. Prizes, games, and favors!

### 25 years ago

Oct. 26, 1983

- A group of West Shore residents between the Lake Maxinkuckee outlet and Long Point, represented by Herb Cook, have requested permission from the town to construct a sewer line and allow them to connect it to the town sewer system. An agreement has been prepared by the town attorney to get the project moving.

- 115 Culver and Monterey Elementary fourth graders, teachers, and adult volunteer helpers visited the Children's Museum in Indianapolis for an all-day trip that included some of the other sights of the city. At 8 p.m., a tired but happy crew returned to Culver.

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# Sports



## CGA soccer wraps up sensational sectional

By Dee Grenert  
Sports Editor

ARGOS — Culver Girls Academy soccer head coach Harry Canellakis prefers to avoid singling out excellent individual efforts.

Considering the way the undefeated Eagles blasted through the Argos Sectional, you start to understand his rationale.

CGA, which shut out Oregon-Davis and a strong Plymouth side in its first two tourney matches, polished off its sensational sectional with a 4-0 final-round win over defending champion Argos at Eugene Snyder Field Saturday. For the sectional, CGA outscored its opponents by a combined 18-0 count.

CGA plays St. Joe Wednesday in the South Bend Riley Regional. Game time is 7 p.m. at Jackson Field.

"I want to go on record as saying I don't like to pick out individuals," Canellakis said. "We play as teammates, and we've went undefeated and won a sectional as a team. Our success is because of our team, and hopefully that will continue."

For the Eagles, sophomore goalkeeper Alicia Schaefer recorded the squad's third straight sectional shutout, while senior forward Jenna Iwaniec scored twice and assisted standout midfielder Dineo Mmutla's two goals.

"Jenna definitely draws a lot of attention, but this season she's explored her assist-getting skills more," Canellakis said. "She brings in her teammates to the offense."

While mids Mmutla, Courtney Hague and Kylee Shipley helped CGA win the possession battle, the Eagles' defense kept Argos leading scorer Kelsie Hollabaugh, who finishes her career with 101 goals, under wraps.

"Our defense has been excellent," Canellakis said. "We have a lot of people competing for those positions, and they've solidified those spots."

"Argos played exceptionally well," he continued. "We had our two marking backs, and one coming up, marking (Hollabaugh). We also knew we had to contain (Kyla) Van Der Weele in the middle."

Iwaniec started the scoring early in the third minute. drib-

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PHOTO/DEANNA L. GREBERT  
CGA's Kylee Shipley chases down the ball during the first half of the Eagles' 4-0 Argos Soccer Sectional final win Saturday.

bling down the left sideline, beating a defender and slipping a cross inside the far post for a 1-0 CGA lead.

"That was a great, clinically correct shot — side of the foot into the side of the net," Canellakis said. "You just knew the first goal was going to be important. It was good to score first, but I was nervous because it was so early. I was afraid we'd play defending the lead."

Rather than assuming a defensive posture, though, the Eagles continued to attack. In the 25th minute, Iwaniec touched an indirect kick back to Mmutla, who rifled an 18-yard shot high into the net for a 2-0 advantage.

Over the next three minutes, Van Der Weele knocked a header off the right post that bounced away harmlessly, and Schaefer beat Hollabaugh to a ball. Hollabaugh went down with a left elbow injury on the play, although the Dragons' star returned just minutes later.

Then, in the 29th minute, Iwaniec sent a shot from the right corner that somehow curved inside the near post to put the Eagles up 3-0.

"I thought we played pretty good defense," Argos head coach Jon Alcorn, whose team lost to CGA 7-3 in the regular season, said. "There was no comparison to the first game when we didn't play very well. I thought (sophomore keeper) Katelynn Zechiel did a great job in goal. We made one defensive mistake on the first goal — we didn't have a girl come up — but there wasn't anything we could do about the second or third goals. (CGA) earned their goals. They're a great team."

"The free kick was a great play, although there was a push in the back that didn't get called," Alcorn added. "The third goal, (Iwaniec) wasn't even shooting and it floated in. I didn't think we were three goals worse than them in the first half, but I think the final score was about right because they missed some shots in the second half."

The Eagles finished off the night's scoring when Iwaniec set up Mmutla in the 70th minute.

Meanwhile, CGA reserve keeper Alexis Christlieb stopped a Hollabaugh shot in the 80th minute to preserve the shutout.

"I thought our kids played well," Alcorn said. "We made some good runs. The thing I really liked is that our kids

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## Cavs fall in hard-fought loss to Lancers

CULVER — LaVille started the football season with back-to-back wins, thanks to a pair of stingy defensive performances.

After a rough ride through the first six games of the Northern State Conference schedule, the Lancers' defense returned to its early season form Friday at Culver Community.

The Lancers forced a quar-

quarter.

But perhaps the biggest drive came at the outset. LaVille grabbed the opening kick and marched 66 yards in 11 plays, punctuated with Cody Coblentz's 2-yard plunge on fourth-and-1. Ben Fagan, who booted a 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, tacked on his first of three extra points to give the Lancers a 7-0 lead with 6:42 to



PHOTO/KORTNEY ROCKWELL  
Culver Community's Parker Woodward (22) turns upfield after catching a pass from Zoe Bauer, back, while Robert Molebash (24) blocks.

ter of turnovers — converting a pair of those into touchdowns — and offensively, gobbled up 376 yards of total offense in a 30-14 NSC win over the Cavs.

Although both teams entered Friday night winless on the field since Aug. 29, each picked up a forfeit win against Bremen this week.

Quarterback Colton Priser, who set up Windhorst's interception of a halfback pass, added a 67-yard strike to tight end Darren Spencer that put the Lancers up 27-7 with 5:31 to play in the third

play in the first frame.

LaVille terminated Culver's first drive with a Jay Carbiener interception, and then went in for another score. Although a penalty negated a touchdown off a counter, the Lancers came right back with another counter that Kubiak ran in from 15 yards for a 14-0 LaVille edge with 1:22 left in the opening frame.

In fact, the Lancers, who continually chewed up big yards after first contact, made great use of the counter all game.

"We prepared for (the counter) in practice all week," Culver Community head coach Andy Thomas said. "We just couldn't stop it. We need to wrap up to tackle and drive with our legs, and we didn't. We're running out of places to turn."

The Cavs, though, showed signs of life in the second quarter. Defensive lineman Jeramiah Harvey broke into the backfield and secured a loose ball for the Cavs. Then, led by quarterback Zoe Bauer and running back Michael Salary, Culver drove 81 yards, with Bauer hit-

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## Academies earn dual semistate berths at CC regional

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

CULVER — Culver Academies are trying to improve a little bit each race of the state series. So far so good.

The Girls Academy backed up Tuesday's sectional title-winning performance with an Academies regional cross country championship, while Culver Military fell one place in the standings to claim runner-up honors behind Western at the regional race, and the Academies went 2-for-2 Saturday, earning dual team berths at the New Prairie Semistate next weekend.

"We ran just a little bit better, but not significantly better," said Academies cross country head coach Michael Chastain. "I'm pleased with where we are at this point. We've been talking about stepping up a little more each week, and we did today for both teams. We're hoping that we can do it a little more next week. We're looking forward to semistate."

Plymouth's girls team also showed improvement at the Academies Regional, sneaking into third place one point ahead of Northwestern to earn an appointment at the New Prairie run with room to spare. The Pilgrims missed the cut in the boys race, earning seventh overall Saturday to finish out their season. Senior pace-setter Calvin Cook made the individual cut, however, recording a strong time of 16:39 to place fifth overall at regional. Triton placed 10th in the team standings to close out a solid season as well.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
CGA's Waverly Neer's first-place overall finish led the Eagles to the Culver Academies Cross Country Regional crown Saturday.

CGA placed four runners in the top 15 Saturday, and five Lady Eagles broke into the top 20 as the team breezed to a dominant 34-point victory. Alternate runner Mary Margaret Peter finished 14th in just her third race of the year, while Stephanie Burian gutted out illness to turn in a personal-best 20:37 in sixth, and Kaye Sitterly finished two seconds

faster than her teammate in fifth. Sophomore Waverly Neer was in a league of her own at the race, outpacing the field by a near two-minute margin to win the individual regional championship in 18:41.

"Waverly looked smooth today," said Chastain. "I haven't looked at her kilo splits yet, but she looked smooth, and she came on pretty strong the last K as well. I was feeling pretty good about that. But she'll have her work cut out for her next week because three or four of the top in the state are there, and they'll be vying not only next week, but the week after for the state title as well. It'll be good for her."

With several runners struggling with illness the past two weeks, the Lady Pilgrims were back at full strength Saturday.

"We knew the girls were on the bubble, that we could get in," Plymouth head coach Allen Shockney said. "We're at full force in terms of numbers. We had the full team here today, so that helps."

In her first regional, Plymouth freshman Gabbi Ramirez traded places with usual team number one Allasyn Slater to lead the team in 18th place at Culver.

"I was really nervous be-

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## Academies sporting events online live

Culver Academies and B2 Networks have created a partnership to provide Eagle fans with live game action over the Internet via broadband broadcasting. B2 provides live broadcasts for colleges around the country, but Culver is one of the first prep schools to provide this service to its parents, alumni, and friends.

Culver and B2 have been broadcasting all home football games and will broadcast hockey, basketball, and lacrosse games throughout the school year.

The football broadcasts have featured video from the team's videographer Mark Sayer and play-by-play by girls basketball coach Gary Christlieb. This is the same video used by coaches following the game, so it will include cut-away shots to the scoreboard for coaching purposes, etc.

The cost is \$9.95 per game. Those interested in watching must have a high speed Internet connection (Cable, T1 or DSL) and Windows Media Player 9 or higher. Games will be only accessible 10 minutes before the pre-game and during play.

To get live game broadcast access, no sooner than 10 minutes before start time, go to [www.culver.org](http://www.culver.org), click "Student Life," then "Athletic Life," and "Watch Live Game Action." Follow the instructions to purchase individual game broadcasts. These will only be available 10 minutes before the game starts.

## Bremen clarifies three forfeits

BREMEN — Bremen High School has forfeited varsity football wins over Triton, LaVille and Culver, and junior varsity wins against Triton and LaVille due to the participation of an academically ineligible player.

The violation was discovered during the first week of October when the IHSA entry list for the upcoming state football tournament was completed. At that point, the player was held out of further contests until Bremen officials were able to verify his participation in contests by reviewing participation records and game films.

The player in question had joined the team late and was not included on the season's initial roster that was reviewed for eligibility. The roster was subsequently revised to include the player. It was determined that the player participated in three varsity contests, but was limited to plays at the end of the game when the final outcome already had been decided.

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ting tight end Robert Molebash for a 3-yard score on a fourth-and-3 play. Ryan Carter added the extra point to make it a 14-7 game with 1:32 left in the half.

Culver twice gained possession down seven in the third quarter, but a fumble and Priser interception ended those chances.

Culver sophomore Dennis Davis finished off the scoring on a 17-yard run with 1:07 left in the game.

"We turned the ball over, had penalties and got outplayed," Thomas said. "That's not a good formula. Hats off to LaVille. They were physical and they played hard."

LaVille returns home next Friday for a first-round sec-

ional game against South Central. Culver opens up the second season at Tri-County.

• LAVILLE 30,  
CULVER COMMUNITY 14

At Culver

Score by quarters

LaVille: 14 0 13 3 — 30

Culver: 0 7 0 7 — 14

Scoring summary

First quarter

LV — Cody Coblentz 2 run (Ben Fagan kick), 6:42.

LV — Spencer Kubiak 17 run (Fagan kick), 1:22.

Second quarter

C — Robert Molebash 3 pass from Zoe Bauer (Ryan Carter kick), 1:32.

Third quarter

LV — Sonny Windhorst 58 run (kick failed), 8:08.

LV — Darren Spencer 67 pass from Colton Priser (Fagan kick), 5:31.

Fourth quarter

LV — Fagan 23 FG, 9:30.

C — Dennis Davis 17 run (Carter kick), 1:07.

	LV	CUL
First downs	13	12
Rushes - yards	47-286	25-143

Passing yards	90	94
Comp - att - int	3-9-0	11-21-3
Return yards	18	82
Punts - average	1-29.0	3-28.0
Fumbles - lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties - yards	6-47	7-40
Time of possession	28:13	19:47

LaVille individual stats

Rushing: Spencer Kubiak 17-109,

Sonny Windhorst 9-102, Cody Coblentz 6-31, Jay Carbiener 5-22,

Spencer Omans 1-12, Sean Webb 4-6, Colton Priser 5-4.

Passing: Priser 3-9, 90 yards.

Receiving: Spencer 1-67, Carbiener 1-13, Windhorst 1-10.

Tackles: Coblentz 6.

Culver individual stats

Rushing: Michael Salary 12-91,

Dennis Davis 8-54, James Dulin 2-(minus)1, Zoe Bauer 3-(minus)1.

Passing: Bauer 11-20-2, 94 yards, Salary 0-0-1.

Receiving: Parker Woodward 4-40,

Robert Molebash 4-26, Salary 2-21, Davis 1-7.

Tackles: George VanSky 8.

Records: LaVille 4-5 (2-5 NSC), Culver 2-7 (1-6 NSC).

## Lady Cavs close out soccer season

By Dee Grenert  
Sports Editor

ARGOS — Argos girls soccer career scoring leader Kelsie Hollabaugh broke her own record four more times Monday.

The senior forward located the back of the net in the 7th, 14th, 27th and 45th minutes to lead defending sectional champion Argos to a 5-0 sectional-opening win over Culver Community at Eugene Snyder Field.

With her latest offensive explosion, Hollabaugh's career total climbed to 99. She'll have a chance to reach the century mark in Thursday's 5 p.m. semifinal against LaVille

"I personally think that after two goals, (Hollabaugh) backed off," Argos head coach Jon Alcorn said. "She wanted to get everyone else involved; she's not a selfish player. I told her I think she needs to take whatever is there. She's got 99 career goals now. That's kind of neat."

The Dragons, who beat Culver 8-0 in the regular season, completely dominated possession, piling up 21 shots on goal while holding the Cavs without a single look.

"Argos is good," Culver Community head coach Theresa Jacobson said. "We tried playing a 4-4-2 with two center-mids. We played a little bit more of a conservative formation than we normally do. Argos is very fast, very quick. We did improve over the regular season. They beat us 8-0, so 5-0 is an improvement."

Argos jumped ahead early when Staci O'Dell hooked

up with Hollabaugh for a goal at the 6:18 mark. Hollabaugh, assisted by Stefany Parrish, booted the ball high into the net from 25 yards out at 13:42. She put the Dragons up 4-0 in the 27th minute when her bright yellow shoe-clad right foot sent the ball inside the left post off a corner kick from Kyla Van Der Weele, who skipped one inside the right post herself in the 17th minute.

Kassi Hensley's cross in the 46th minute turned into Hollabaugh's — and the game's — final tally.

Hensley and O'Dell both went a long way toward Argos' ball-control success.

they're hustling smart — they're not getting burned. They had some good crosses, which is good. In this tournament, I think we're going to need crosses to get the ball in the net."

Meanwhile, Argos' big lead allowed the Dragons to mix in backs Katlyn Hersick and Caryn Meloy for extended field time.

"I'm a little surprised that we didn't give up a shot on goal because Culver is an improved team; they gave us a good game," Alcorn said. "We've been working on our defense, so I'm pleased with that. We got to play at least two extra defenders. It was nice to see them play well and getting a shot to show what they can do. "We've played well the last two games, but lost even though we were clearly the better team on the field," he added. "We're working on some different things that will make us more flexible in this tournament."

Meanwhile, Culver bids good-bye to seniors Kalie Thompson, Alex Hnatusko, Britany Cowell, Tiana Basham, Ashley Peterson, Leanna Overmyer and Karla Camacho.

"I'm happy with the entire team," Jacobson said. "Our seniors wanted to leave on a positive note. They showed great leadership throughout the season."

• ARGOS GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL ARGOS 5, CULVER 0  
At Argos  
FIRST HALF  
A — Kelsie Hollabaugh (Staci O'Dell), 7th minute  
A — Hollabaugh (Stefany Parrish), 14th minute  
A — Kyla Van Der Weele (Parrish), 18th minute  
A — Hollabaugh (Van Der Weele), 27th minute  
SECOND HALF  
A — Hollabaugh (Kassi Hensley) 45th minute  
Shots on Goal: Argos 21, Culver 0.  
Saves: Culver 16 (Chandler Gast).  
Corners: Argos 7, Culver 0.  
Records: Argos 11-5-1, Culver 5-12.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver Community's Karla Camacho, left, fights for possession with Argos' Kyla Van Der Weele (8) during a first-round sectional match at Argos last Monday.

"(Hensley) sets a great hustle example, and she's also developed her touch," Alcorn said. "A lot of times when you get a three-goal lead there's the tendency to relax, but she didn't. She continued to hustle and made some great passes and great runs."

"Staci O'Dell passed well," he added. "She had some great headers. That's so important for us because headers provide energy. Both Kassi and Staci hustle, and

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played to the last seconds. They were still trying to score in the last minute."

Along with Hollabaugh, Argos seniors Megan Burkett, Jena Van Der Weele, Breanne McCay and Cassie Prochno all played their last games.

"They're great kids," Alcorn said of his seniors. "Whatever role we needed them to play, they played."

## SPORTS BRIEFS: VOLLEYBALL

Records: CGA 10-12.

**CGA wins in 3**  
CGA knocked off Argos, 25-7, 26-24, 25-18, in a volleyball match Tuesday.

Lexie Ludewig led the way for the Eagles with 13 kills and three blocks. Also for CGA, Kristen Stafford handed out 10 assists, Mindy Privett came up with 12 digs, and Shawn Devlin dealt a trio of aces.

• CGA 25-26-25,  
ARGOS 7-24-18  
At Culver  
CGA stats  
Kills: Lexie Ludewig 13, Zafiro Joseph 8.  
Assists: Kristen Stafford 10, Lauren Jones 6.  
Digs: Mindy Privett 12, Taylor Busam 7.  
Aces: Shawn Devlin 3, Tess Strang 3.  
Blocks: Joseph 3, Ludewig 3.

"I can still remember when they were in kindergarten first learning their little moves," he continued. "They wanted to beat each other, and beat the boys, and for most of them, this is the end of the line because they won't play soccer in college. They don't know we're this little school playing big schools. Even tonight, they expected to win, although it was going to be

an uphill battle."  
• ARGOS GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL FINAL  
At Argos  
CGA 4, ARGOS 0  
Halftime score: CGA 3, Argos 0  
FIRST HALF  
CGA — Jenna Iwaniec, 3rd minute  
CGA — Dineo Mmutla (Iwaniec), 25th minute  
CGA — Iwaniec, 29th minute  
SECOND HALF  
CGA — Mmutla (Iwaniec), 70th minute  
Records: CGA 14-0-4, Argos 10-6-1

aces. Emily Traversa scooped up 17 digs, and Ila Jackson tallied eight kills and six digs for the Falcons.

• CGA 25-25-29-25,  
JOHN GLENN 16-23-31-19  
At Walkerton  
CGA stats  
Kills: Lex Ludewig 8, Kirsten Elliott 5.  
Blocks: Zafiro Joseph 2, Kristen Stafford 2.  
Assists: Lauren Jones 10.  
Aces: Mindy Privett 4, Joseph 3, Mariah Tabor 3.  
Digs: Privett 21, Stafford 11, Madeline Danesi 9, Elliott 8, Tabor 6, Ludewig 6.  
Glenn stats  
Kills: Amy Pearish 9, Ila Jackson 8, Cayla Ochs 7.  
Assists: Anna Schmalzried 26.  
Aces: Pearish 7, Schmalzried 4.  
Digs: Emily Traversa 17, Jackson 6.  
Records: CGA 11-13, Glenn 3-23.  
JV score: Glenn 10-25-15, CGA 25-23-12  
Records: CGA 8-9, Glenn 8-12.

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ery seminar and support group (sponsored by the Culver Community Council of Churches): Meets at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver each Monday evening at 7 p.m. (beginning Oct. 27).

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." For more information, call Pastor Robin Keating at 574-216-0331 or Michael Rakich at 574-842-4625.

## Library computer classes in October

Culver-Union Township Public Library will be continuing its free computer classes in October. These classes are hands-on and will focus on Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint.

Microsoft Excel Part II (Oct. 20), and Microsoft PowerPoint Part I (Oct. 27).  
Classes will be held at the library from 6 to 8 p.m. All required materials will be supplied by the Library, but participants are welcome to bring their laptop computers if they wish. For more information, call 574-842-2941 or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us)

## Monterey Halloween party

The Monterey children's Halloween party will be held at the Monterey Elementary School Thurs., Oct. 30.

## Culver Bible Church hosts ladies study

The ladies at Culver Bible Church invite you to join them for their fall Bible study, meeting each Tues. at 7 p.m., in the church basement. The Beth Moore series "The Life and Ministry of Paul" will be used. Discover the fascinating details about Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, and how he demonstrated what it means to die daily, crucified with Christ. For more information, call Karin at 574-772-3711 or Kathie at 574-842-3056.

## Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History is in need of area artifacts to display in our recently renovated space, the future home of our museum. Items can either be a permanent gift to our collection or a loan. Artifacts may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library. Please stop in and see us in the lower Carnegie level of the library during regular library hours.

## Citizen cell phone

Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at 574-261-7887.



## Fire fighting 101 at Monterey

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Above: Monterey Fire Dept. Capt. Doug Klausung, left, joins fireman Jerry Robles as he takes aim with a water hose Oct. 13 at Monterey Elementary School, part of a visit that included instruction on fire safety and prevention inside classrooms and a "tour" of one of the fire trucks – complete with hose demonstration above – outside.

Right: Capt. Boyd Risner, right, speaks to kindergartners at Monterey Elementary School, joined by Rory Smith, who donned full fire gear for the students, who were also informed as to the use of each item of clothing and equipment in a fire. National Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 5-11.



## Novels from page 1

part of a select group of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Indianapolis area authors still considered literary greats today, was a frequent visitor to Lake Maxinkuckee, as evidenced by a number of sources including personal letters of his and others, and most notably his signature on the wall of an east shore cottage today owned by the Gibson family. Tarkington's "Gentleman from Indiana" was one of his most famous and beloved works (another, "The Magnificent Ambersons," became a classic Orson Wells film), was partly penned, the story goes, on Maxinkuckee's shores.

**Meredith Nicholson: "The House of a Thousand Candles."** Nicholson is not as well remembered today as Riley and Tarkington, who were friends and peers of his, but in his day he was famous virtually the world over, largely due to the success of his 1905 novel, which became the best-selling novel in America in 1906, spawning stage plays and at least two movies. A great deal has been written locally about the Culver area inspiring Nicholson's thriller about a mysterious mansion on a beautiful Indiana lake near a private academy (in the novel, Culver Military Academy becomes St. Paul's, an Episcopal girls' school; his Culver was renamed "Annandale") and the fact that the house still stands. If there is one quintessential literary claim to fame for the Culver area, it's this book.

**Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.: "Slapstick: Or Lonesome no More!"** and various articles. Fast forwarding from the "golden age" of Maxinkuckee as a cultural destination, Kurt Jr. joined several generations of Indianapolis Vonneguts to occupy dozens of cottages on the east shore of the lake. Kurt Vonnegut Jr. made repeated references in interviews – the best known of

which was an article in Architectural Digest magazine in the 1970s – to his love for the lake and his childhood here. Most pointedly, he features Maxinkuckee in his "Slapstick" novel, which includes the King of America setting up his palace on the lake's shores. In his later novel "Timequake," Vonnegut tells of applying for a writing job at the Culver Citizen newspaper...and being turned down.

### Later Culver-inspired fiction

**Edwin Corwin: "The Totem of the Beaver."** The mystique and allure of the Woodcraft camp and its Indian lore program and Council Fire dances plays into this 1931 fantasy for boys set on Lake Maxinkuckee and incorporating hefty doses of Woodcraft parlance and imagery (Corwin was involved with the program at the time, after all).

**Kitchell Webster Jr.: "Pass in Review."** The first of several novels to depict life at Culver Academy proper (as opposed to Woodcraft camp), this 1935 novel for younger readers tells the tale of plebe and aspiring trooper Chuck Wheeler, adapting to life at Culver.

**Helen Orr Watson: "Black Horse of Culver."** Disney illustrator Bernard Garbutt contributed pen and ink drawings to this youth-aimed novel of a rebellious 15 year old and his life at Culver, with which Watson was not actually familiar, though her research was extensive enough to portray life at CMA well.

**Robert Rossow: "Tex Rains: Culver Trooper."** Rossow was a legendary figure at Culver Military Academy and in Indiana in general, and his penchant for telling colorful and

captivating stories was put to good use in the 1953 young peoples' adventure novel he penned about, as the title suggests, a Black Horse Trooper at Culver.

**John Houghton: "Rough Magicke."** Frequent Citizen contributor Houghton has deep family roots in Culver and has explored them well, which shows in the pages of his first (and so far only) novel, set in the thinly disguised town of Annandale and the Annandale Military Academy (the name is cleverly derived from Meredith Nicholson's fictional name for Culver in "The House of a Thousand Candles"). Readers familiar with the Academy, lake, and town will enjoy guessing which individuals are featured – with names changed to protect the innocent or guilty – in Houghton's 2005 fantasy tale of the school's chaplain battling a group of witches on and off campus.

**Mark Leonard: "Tin Soldiers."** Leonard, a Culver Academy grad himself, presents a 2006 novel that's part mystery, part humor, and much more "raw" in language and tone than the other books here. Set at what is assumed to be a fictionalized version of the Academy, the plot revolves around the mysterious death of a cadet.

**Richard Davies: "Swords at Culver."** Published not long after his friend John Houghton's fantasy novel set at Culver, Davies' 2007 work drops the disguises and sets itself at Culver Academies, where real students and faculty – their names not changed – battle dragons on the steps of the Huffington library and encounter mystical Potawatomi disturbances in the Bird Sanctuary. Dr. Davies has said he's working on a sequel.

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cause one of the girls on the team had said, "Oh, don't worry. My freshman year I got last place at regional, so if you get last don't worry, you're just a freshman," laughed Ramirez. "But I did good, so I'm happy." Ramirez was troubled by

a nasty toe injury during the race, but the young runner was able to tough it out in the last leg of the run, finishing strong with a 21:32.

"When I was finishing the last 400 it was bugging me really bad," she said. "My nail was starting to fall off

yesterday. It came off, too, so it was hurting."

Cook earned his semistate berth with flying colors in the boys run, but the Pilgrim pace-setter's time was 7 seconds slower than his sectional time and 15 seconds off of CMA rival Alejandro Ar-

royo, who placed third Saturday. Shockney said Cook's early pace at regional wound up costing him as the race wore on.

"The pace went out so fast, and that's the last thing I told him when we got off the bus," he said. "Don't be sucked into the exuberance of an early pace and pay for it halfway through the race when you're sucking air." Cook has another chance to get back to form at semistate, and Shockney said the rugged terrain at New Prairie will suit his talents as the

at the state finals in his final year with Plymouth.

"New Prairie plays into Calvin's hands a little bit better," said Shockney. "It's a strength course. This is for the speed guys out here (at the Academies) on the flat. They do the hills and down in the ravine, so we're excited about the possibilities for Calvin." Running in the number one position for the Trojans, Blake Lemler recorded a competitive 17:38 Saturday, but the sophomore fell 32 seconds short of making

Community had an individual regional qualifier in both races Saturday, although both fell short of making it out to New Prairie. Solitary Lady Cav runner Lauren Shaffer finished 24th with a time of 22:04, and Austin Welch placed 48th in the boys run with an 18:37.

**CULVER ACADEMIES CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL**  
At Culver Academies  
GIRLS RACE

Team results (Top 5 advance): 1. Culver Girls Academy 34, 2. Western 42, 3. Plymouth 108, 4. Northwestern 109, 5. Manchester 153, 6. Northfield 164, 7. Pioneer 170, 8. Oak Hill 177, 9. Maconaquah 181, 10. Rochester 248.

Individuals (Top 15 advance): 1. Waverly Neer, CGA, 18:41; 2. Jenna Norris, O, 20:26; 3. Ashley Gaskins, W, 20:26; 4. Ashley Baber, Lewis Cass, 20:30; 5. Kaye Sitterly, CGA, 20:35; 6. Stephanie Burian, CGA, 20:37; 7. Annika Taber, Kokomo, 20:48, 8. Hannah Ault, NW, 20:49, 9. Cady Caudle, P, 20:50; 10. Corianne Myer, W, 20:57, 11. Jennifer Elliott, W, 20:58; 12. Molly Wright, Tippy Valley, 20:59; 13. Kristina Durr, W, 21:00.1; 14. Mary Margaret Peter, CGA, 21:00.7; 15. Kayla Gaskins, W, 21:07.

CGA (34): 1. Waverly Neer 18:41, 5. Kaye Sitterly 20:35, 6. Stephanie Burian 20:37, 14. Mary Margaret Peter 21:00, 16. Carson Canonie 21:11, 45. Sophia Smith 21:43.

PLYMOUTH (108): 18. Gabriela Ramirez 21:32, 20. Kastelynn Brashere 21:49, 21. Mae Christiansen 21:49, 31. Allasyn Slater 22:19, 37. Olivia Houin 22:34, 63. Sarah Griewank 24:33, 66. Emily Walden 25:00.

CULVER COMMUNITY (No score): 24. Lauren Shaffer 22:04.

BOYS RACE  
Team results (Top 5 advance): 1. Western 59, 2. Culver Military Academies 74, 3. Maconaquah 111, 4. Oak Hill 118, 5. Kokomo 132, 6. Northfield 143, 7. Plymouth 177, 8. Rochester 183, 9. Logansport 183, 10. Triton 226.

Individuals (Top 15 advance): 1. Cameron Balsler, O, 16:07; 2. Corey Scott, W, 16:21; 3. Alejandro Arroyo, CMA, 16:24, 4. Kyle Overway, L, 16:32; 5. Calvin Cook, P, 16:39; 6. Aaron Garretson, Peru, 16:41; 7. Jacob Bingham, M, 16:42; 8. Kory Kennedy, NW, 16:46; 9. Bryce Comp, M, 16:51; 10. Coleman Zimmerman, CMA, 16:53; 11. Seth Murphy, R, 16:54; 12. Ian Holtson, K, 16:58; 13. Zacaria Martinez, W, 17:01; 14. Austin Young, W, 17:05; 15. Chris Trennepohl, CMA, 17:06.

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PLYMOUTH (177): 5. Calvin Cook 16:39, 42. Declan Fox 18:21, 46. Andrew Kurtz 18:35, 47. Jordan Winkler 18:36, 57. Derrick Lee 19:06, 62. Matthew Lee 19:33, 63. Nelson Wagner 19:38.

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## Laying a friend to rest

A capacity crowd packed Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel Oct. 14 for services for 37-year old Jeff Willhite, whose unexpected illness and death one week earlier left the Culver community with memories of the EMT, Academies security guard, Gladie's Deli assistant, and popular community icon. Burial at the Masonic cemetery in Culver and a reception in the Academies' Legion Memorial building followed services. Photos: Top left: Members of the Black Horse Troop escorted Willhite's casket onto the Academies' campus for the Oct. 13 viewing service.

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Top right: A long procession of emergency vehicles including police cars, fire trucks, and the ambulance carrying his casket, saw Willhite to the cemetery. Left: Willhite's son, Zachary, joins pall bearers escorting Willhite's casket into the Memorial Chapel. Clockwise from front left: Ron Cole, Chad Becker, Tom Thornburg, Tim McCarthy, Rich Sytsma, Chuck Dilts.

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

# Future of EMS, its administration debated by council

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The question of whether to hire a full-time administrator or three part-time PRNs (on-call part-timers working as advanced EMTs) was the source of much discussion and some debate at the Culver town council's Oct. 14 regular meeting. The discussion was occasioned by Culver-Union Twp. EMS director Millie Sytsma's submission of a job description for a proposed paid director for the service, which would constitute the EMS's third full-time employee. The Union Twp. board of trustees was initially split over the issue, said township trustee Marlene Mahler -- in the audience -- but ultimately voted in favor of hiring three part-time PRNs, though Mahler said her board will defer to the town council's decision on the matter.

Sytsma said the EMS hopes to transition to an official paramedic service as of Jan. 1, 2010, if funding allows. At present, the service lacks the equipment and staff to attain paramedic status according to state requirements. She said hiring a full-time administrator-director now would put the department that much further ahead before the hoped-for transition.

Largely responsible for the proposal is the EMS' drastic reduction in advanced personnel, said council president Sally Ricciardi, herself an EMS member and past president of the service. "In my opinion, the service would do better with a third full-time employee," said Ricciardi. "That would give the EMS an additional person to cover shifts and an administrator that would be valuable in moving forward with the department either in bringing in more volunteers, or moving to a...paid paramedic service."

Sytsma agreed that a new full-time hire could take on some of the administrative load presently being handled by the volunteer director, and could also seek grants and other alternate funding sources to help underwrite his or her own job.

While council members Ralph Winters and Ed Pinder supported the notion of a single full-time hire, council members Ginny Munroe and Lynn Overmyer expressed concerns.

"I don't disagree (with Ricciardi and Sytsma)," said Munroe. "My concern is...our long-term ability to pay for this. If you pay more PRNs, you have cost savings over a full-time position. A year from now, will we have to lay off a full-time person? I would hate to see us do this and then turn around and lay someone off."

Township board member Bobbie Ruhnow, also in the audience, said while she bowed to Sytsma's and Ricciardi's knowledge of the EMS' needs, she was concerned whether the full-time administrator position is the best use of funding. She estimated the position, including benefits, to cost over \$35,000 per year. "With the economy the way it is," Ruhnow asked, "is that really the best way to use the money we've budgeted for EMS?"

Audience member and EMT Bill Cleavenger, a resident of the township rather than the town, noted the funding for a new full-time director would come from the township budget as well as the town, and the decision should involve more dialog between the two boards.

Ricciardi, noting that Cleavenger works for pay rather than as a volunteer with the service, suggested the dearth of volunteers is nearing critical mass for the EMS. "We have people caught between jobs and volunteering," she said. "If you hire a full-time person as

an administrator, the EMS would be their primary position. They would have more time to do that upgrading and search (for more volunteers) that a volunteer person doesn't have time to commit to. Years ago as (EMS) director, I learned you meet yourself coming and going, to say the least."

Culver fire chief Mike Grover explained a major problem in recruiting volunteers for his department and the EMS is much stricter training requirements from the state. "You're still a volunteer," he said, "but you have to go through so many hours, it's crazy. I can see where Millie is coming from in wanting a paid person."

Winters said he was surprised at the lack of public input on the matter, which Ricciardi said would probably come "(when) you're on the verge of collapse or at post-collapse. Right now we're looking at our options."

In earlier years, Ricciardi added, many women in the EMS service weren't working, while today both male and female volunteers are working at least a full-time job, with many working an additional part-time job besides volunteering with the service. "Burnout is high," she added. "We want to be able to help our neighbors."

It was agreed that the town council and township trustees -- who up to now have not met in the same room to discuss the matter -- will meet the week of Oct. 20, with Winters and others noting time is running out to make a decision on the matter.

In other actions, the council suspended the rules and passed all three readings of an ordinance changes ambulance service fees, making them current with other area agencies.

The council voted to use money from its riverboat account to devote \$10,000 to the Marshall County Community Resource Center in Plymouth, a project -- described in some detail at the council's last meeting -- intended to create a central location for county social service agencies serving Culver residents as well as others. In response to a query from audience member Jean Rakich, town clerk Casey Howard and council members said monies from the riverboat fund cannot be used towards EMS service.

Fire chief Grover was allotted \$8,000 to update dive equipment, wet suits, and training for members of a dive team formed originally in 1989. Grover noted four of the original six divers are still part of the team, though he joked his wetsuit "shrunk" since then. "All of the four (members) we still have, have similar problems," he added, smiling.

ing. There are eight newer, younger department members interested in joining the team, Grover said.

Street dept. head Bob Porter reported the Oct. 11 town-wide cleanup was a success, with a dumpster full of scrap metal hauled away.

The council extended the deadline for cleanup of a Nueva Gorda St. yard until Oct. 27, at the request of the property owner, who is cooperating and working hard to clean up excess grass and weeds according to Howard.

Council member Ed Pinder said he has heard from residents and observed himself that recently-installed street lights in front of the City Tavern restaurant on Lake Shore Drive are "awfully bright for the neighbors." Pinder and others noted that City Tavern owner Larry Surrisi has been made several attempts to tone down the lights since their initial installation, for which council members expressed appreciation. "My opinion is, (Surrisi's) main goal is to provide an attractive ambience to the area," commented building inspector Russ Mason, "not to light up the street." Ricciardi said she will speak to Surrisi about the lights.

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# Area seniors feel the pinch of tough economy

## Resources available to help

By Holly Heller  
Correspondent

BREMEN — The tight economy has nearly everyone pinching pennies. And Marshall County's senior citizens are no exception.

But there is hope.

The Marshall County Council on Aging can put seniors in touch with a wide variety of resources to lend a helping hand in these tough financial times.

Jackie Wright, director of the organization, has seen firsthand how the economy has affected local seniors.

"I see the donations for the van rides going down," she said. (Riders age 60 or older may ride by donation; there is no required fee.)

On the flip side, she has seen the number of riders increase drastically as seniors look for cheaper ways to get from here to there.

"I see ridership going up, because it's cheaper to go with us, even if you pay the dollar, than it is to drive your own vehicle. And if you don't drive, we're pretty economical."

Wright believes that most senior citizens are more able to handle the tough economy than younger people.

"Seniors have, somewhere in their memory banks, the ability to be innovative and tighten their belt. This isn't the first time they've had to tighten their belt."

While the Council on Aging has numerous resources available to help ease the squeeze, Wright highlighted five that could benefit the bulk of the senior population.

### 1. Transportation

"With the price of maintenance and gas on a car, they can save money by using our public transportation," Wright said.

While the service is open to all ages, the senior citizens utilize the service most frequently of all age groups.

"It does seem to work better for them than the general public. They have a more flexible schedule."

Transportation can be arranged by appointment by calling 866-936-9904. For people age 60 or older, a donation of \$1 each way is suggested, but not required.

### 2. Utility Assistance

Wright recommends that senior citizens who foresee a difficulty in paying their winter heating bills reach out now.

"That's the best thing, to get energy assistance pre-problem, rather than get behind later."

Applications for energy assistance through Project Safe will become available to the general public in October. However, senior citizens do not have to fill out the form in person; they can do it by mail ahead of time.

"If you're a senior citizen, the best thing to do is call the 800 number and make sure they mail you an application," Wright said.

The number to call is 1-800-225-3367.

### 3. Stimulus Check

Seniors who have not signed up for their economic stimulus check from the federal government still have until Oct. 15 to do so. The Council on Aging has a simple form that can be filled out to assist in obtaining the check. Contact the Council at 800-936-9904.

### 4. Prescription Drug Plan

Seniors may want to take a closer look at their prescription drug plans after Nov. 1, when the open period begins and continues through the end of the year.

"When you look at how much you spend each month, the next highest thing beyond housing might be an insurance premium. Those are things they need to look at and evaluate, to see if that's the best use of their monthly dollar."

For a free, individualized evaluation conducted by a trained SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) volunteer, seniors may contact the Plymouth office at 800-936-9904 or the Bremen satellite office at 574-546-5363.

### 5. Home Repair/Weatherization

A weatherization program is available to assist seniors with making their homes more energy efficient, as well as a USDA housing repair program.

"Some are income-based and some are ownership-based, so if they're a homeowner, it's possible that they could get some repairs that way," Wright said.

Contact Melissa Christianson at 574-936-9872 or the Council on Aging for more information on these programs.

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Know a senior citizen who could benefit from these resources? Don't be afraid to call on their behalf.

"It's a good thing for family members to advocate," Wright said.

She noted that many seniors do not seek assistance because the process seems intimidating at first glance.

"It's just foreign to them and would appear to be overwhelming. It can be daunting to get assistance."

She pointed out that seeking assistance is a smart, practical thing to do.

"It's just being a smart consumer. You're making your life more comfortable, saving energy, saving money. Sometimes it's just the right thing to do."

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## Good, clean fun

Oct. 14's rain showers turned parts of Culver Academies' campus into mini-lakes or, in this case, mud-bogs. During lunch free periods, dozens of students took advantage of conditions to let off a little steam...in the mud.

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# Awakening

## A short story in time for Halloween

By Jim Walsh

Tall Oak trees encircled a grove of cut green grass with rows of swan colored grave-stones. A gray mist played about the markers like butterflies landing then leaving flowers. The visitors, great grand father Frank and wee little Julie, were about to enter an outdoor temple in late October to pray for loved ones in eternal rest

Frank, a former city slicker, revived in mind, body and soul, (perhaps not in mind), after twenty years of retirement out on Union Township's back roads, hesitated at the entry to the old burial grounds where once stood the church of Irish immigrants. It wasn't the long slope

up to the iron gate that gave pause, or the fog rising from the creek that engulfed many of the tombstones, nor was it a misgiving some of the deceased buried within the Oak tree grove hadn't joined St. Patrick above. It was the tight squeeze of his gnarled

Julie, a seven year old dressed in a blue and black plaid skirt and ivory blouse, black shoes and white socks, hair as chalky as the rising mist, eyes aquamarine as Maxinkuckee lake water, squeezed his fingers as if she were milking. "I don't think I should go in there, Boppa Frank," she said, a shiver in her words.

"It's alright Julie. I've visited many times. See, I'm still here."

Julie's look raised great doubts he was 'all' there, so kept his knotty hand wrapped by velvety fingers.

Frank made the climb ex-

pressing gratitude for the aid the wee lass gave. Aches and pains weren't allowed to interfere with visits to the graveyard to pray for the repose of the souls of his sainted mother, Bridget, a flaming red haired freckled charmer from County Sligo, and Denis, his father, a black haired Irishman from County Antrim, who married before migrating to Union township where there was work building a railroad depot.

Julie looking up, whispered, "Why did they write 'rip' on that great big gate?"

Breath gathered, Frank answered, "That's 'R-I-P', for rest in peace."

"Resting here? Why not at home?"

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crossed Frank's mind he should have taken a few minutes explaining the grave site by the churchyard. "You and I rest at home, Julie, because we can still move. We are alive. Remember when Cuss, my cat, keeled over? We didn't know why but we knew he hadn't any movement, so we buried him over in the woods?"

"Cuss was dead, Boppa Frank," Julie said bluntly, but with a touch of sorrow.

Pleased the bright child understood death, at least of a cat, he said, "when we buried Cuss, he rested in peace. When a man or woman died back when the church was still here, this is where they buried them, that their bodies rest in peace by the church they attended in life while their souls are in heaven."

"What's a soul, Boppa?"

No theologian, he wished the wee one wasn't so inquisitive, but said, "a soul is the spark that bursts to life in a mommy's womb. It is with one's body all the years it lives. When my folks died, their souls went to heaven, though we buried their bodies here."

An image from purgatory? He shifted back on his heels, arms protectively encircling Julie.

She, a child of Halloween, smiled, the dead bringing no special terror. "Look," she said excitedly "It's the ghost of that gravestone. There's writing on it. May I read it?"

The ghost answered, his accent Gaelic, "Aye, and then say a prayer for the soul of one buried there."

"Umm," stuttered Frank, not nearly as sure as Julie this was a human being, "You gave us, me, a start. What, that is, who are you?"

Ignoring the big one, the ghost said to the little one, "Read, lass."

Eyes squinting, Julie's lips silently read the words. Sure of herself, she recited, "Create In Me A Clean Heart. Was his heart dirty?"

"Good for you, Lass," the ghost said. "It's the stone of Liam Garrane whose widow, Gloria, had it engraved, their being doubt Liam had a heart, much less a 'clean' one. Whoever buried Glo-

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Looking around, but not seeing through the fog, Julie asked, "where's the church?"

"It burned down after the Irish gandy dancers, men who built the railroad tracks, moved on. With them and the church gone, the good priest also moved on."

For the moment satisfied, Julie opened the squeaky gate. No mind paid to the mist, she walked between rows of ancient tombstones. "Boppa, these look like teeth growing out of smoky ground!"

They did, some as stubby as Julie's incoming teeth; others protruding molars. "Folks call them tombstones, Julie. They mark the burial sites of those resting in peace."

Not all rested. One emerged out of the mist, as if from a grave: a wee spectral being wearing breeches made of wool, sandals on his feet, and a multi-colored plaid cloak, richly patterned.

Stringy gray hair dangled from the sides of its hood. Seeing it, the few hairs on Frank's red head stood to attention. A spirit of the dead interconnected with the other world?

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ria next to Liam had doubts about her too. Read, lass.”

“Leave Me Not To Re

“Reprobation,” Frank said, a bit surprised he was involving himself “What’s ‘re-proba...’?”

“Talking bad about others, lass.”

“Did she?”

“Aye! Gloria’s tongue was sharp as a kitchen knife.”

“Who are you?” Frank asked, this time his voice without any stutter.

“In a moment, old man,” answered the ghost, a touch peeved. “Follow me, lass.”

She and the ghost, Frank in close tow, wandered from grave stone to grave stone, the child seemingly enjoying reading names and their engravings out loud.

“John Dunboy’s gravestone reads,” Julie said, “From The Dust Of Earth Returning”

“Aye, lass. Didn’t Johnny, more than once, crawl the dirt road home from gatherings.”

“Here’s Kevin and Elizabeth Tully’s stone.” She read, “They Have Fallen Asleep With Goodness”.

“Far be it for me,” the ghost said, “to mention questions lingered for years as to the truth.”

Julie, caught up with sympathy, remarked, “Mister Ghost, my eyes are wet for all the daddies and mummies buried side by side. So many. Are they all dead?”

“Aye, Julie. They were buried here before the town created a cemetery.”

Julie read out loud: “Aidan and Grace Cloony. This mommy died first. ‘Pour Upon Her The Dew Of Mercy’. The daddy’s reads, ‘May He Have Fellowship With The Choir Of Angels.’”

“He,” the ghost said, “sang tenor in the church choir. Grace took kindly to church wine.”

“Over here, Lass. Read.”

Like a cherubim she hurried to do it. Without lip reading, confidence high, she read, “What Is The Breath, The Length, And Height, And Depth.” What does that mean, ghost?”

“It’s what a carpenter needs to know,” Frank interrupted. “It’s my father’s grave, your great great grandfather.”

“Aye,” said the ghost. “Bridget, your mother, found the words in a letter written by Saint Paul.”

“You knew my mother? Who are you?”

“A Druid, lad, here for Samhain.”

Frank’s eyes narrowed. “You’re a Druid, a Celtic Priest? Here for the ancient Celtic festival of the dead? Sure your are, and isn’t Halloween tomorrow. Will you fly in on a broom?”

“Will you?” asked Julie

“No lass, I walk using an oak staff.

Bubbly Julie, eyes turned to the right, fell suddenly

silent. “Ghost” she said, her voice quivering, “didn’t you say everyone is dead in this graveyard? Isn’t that Boppa Frank’s name on that gravestone?”

“Aye!”

Julie, worry in her voice, hurried to Frank and said, “Boppa, how did th~ ghost find out about you?”

Frank, knowing he had arranged for his own gravestone, was fed up with it all. He turned about to put an end to the masquerade. Where was the pretend Druid? Julie’s ghost? Behind a gravestone? Off into the mist? “Come on out, where ever you are? Show’s over.”

Was it? Holding his arms up in prayer, the Druid sobbed with sorrow. A wave to the Lass, he vanished into the misty Oak grove.

Frank was troubled, Julie thrilled.

*Jim Walsh and his wife JoAnn live near Lake Maxinkuckee, in Union Township.*



## Vandalia Village views

Scenes from the Oct. 18 playground build in Culver’s town park. Top left: Volunteers, left to right, Glenn Patton, Warren Bickel, and Mike Overmyer at work on the ship. Bottom left: Sean Surrisi, left, and Russ Mason hard at work on one of the ship’s masts. Top: NuToys, Inc. coordinator John Beeto steadies the mast as a crane sets it in place.

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