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## In Brief

### Culver Bible Church leaf raking

The Culver Bible Church will be raking leaves for those physically unable to do so, free of charge. To sign up for this, please call Jeff at 842-4084.

### Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

### Culver library initiates Food for fines

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will accept donations of non-perishable food and personal items for Culver's food pantry to offset fines accrued for already returned items, between Nov. 3 and Jan. 3. Each item donated is good for one dollar off a patron's fine. Donated items may not be used to pay for lost or damaged items, and will not be accepted to pay fines for items still unreturned. Items should be brought to the circulation desk and given to a clerk along with the patron's name.

### DivorceCare

DivorceCare divorce recovery 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.

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.

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## Bathed in gold

Above: The Culver area was the recipient of a week of unseasonably warm early November weather last week, combined with a stunning swath of autumn colors on many of the community's trees. The result was several days of colorful fall glory enjoyed by many Culverites, besides a host of eye-catching photo opportunities like the one above, taken at Culver Academies between Epley Auditorium and the Gignilliat quadrangle. By the weekend, the chilly winds and grey skies of a typical November well under way.

# Election 2008

## Culverites respond to historic event

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

It was an election of historic proportions. America, poised either to elect the first female vice-president or first African-American president, chose the latter on a day marked by polls so crowded that wait times were more than an hour – even in Culver -- at times. Some voters couldn't recall more crowded polls as the downstairs lobby of the Culver Public Library filled with acquaintances and neighbors anxious to make their voice heard in this unprecedented year.



Julie Bess

Following the announcement of Barack Obama's (D) victory over John McCain (R), and Mitch Daniels' (R) defeat of Jill Long Thompson (D) in the race for Indiana's governorship, the Culver Citizen asked Culverites "on the street" for reactions to the election.

**Mary Baker:** "In Barack Obama, we see) a young, really intelligent person coming into the office. I think Barack Obama just has charisma and enlightened and ignited the whole young population. I think it's exciting that Indiana went "blue" for the first time in 40 years."

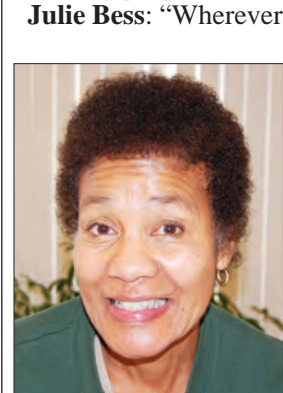
**Jim Weirick:** "I think the 60-40 split on the Governor's ticket just tells you how much ticket splitting there was. This election also points up the amount of money in politics and what that does. There's



Jim Weirick

Daniels outspent something like three to one, and Obama to one in this state. I'm completely distortate for allowing themselves to be

**Janet Faulkner:** "I think the economy with the high voter turnout. We voted election day, and there were about 15 the courthouse. There must have been believe how many there were! Areas likeinton, Muncie, and Notre Dame...most towns were all Democrat (in voting). the young people felt.



Glenda Kent

**Julie Bess:** "Wherever you stand politically, this is an exciting country. We have our first black president, the potential for a female vice president, and such high voter turnout. But I think way too much money was spent (by candidates) when our economy is sitting where it's at and people are struggling as they are."

**Ralph Winters:** "I'm totally disgusted with the state Democratic party. They gave the gubernatorial candidate minimal support because she wasn't part of the inner circle, one of the good old boys. There's too much "good old boy-ism" in the state Democratic party."

**Glenda Kent:** "I think that this (Obama's election) is a movement. It brought tears to my eyes that after 200 years in this country, we're finally getting a black man in office. He offers hope. I'd like to see sincere change. Now we'll find out just how good he is. He's got a lot on his plate. I'm going to give him my full support."

**Marlo Anderson:** Finally the day is here that's long overdue (Obama's election). It should shed inspiration on the world in general (and) give people hope. They use to talk to the kids and say, 'You can be president someday.'



Marlo Anderson

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## Voting in Culver: how, who, and stats from voting inspector

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Jim Sawhook  
Culver Voting Inspector

Although the election is over, a number of citizens have expressed interest in how that process takes place in Culver. The polls for the two local voting precincts are Union 1 at the public library for town residents, and Union 2 at the beach lodge for voters in the remainder of the township.

Union 1 is operated by a staff of seven. The precinct election board consists of the inspector, who manages the poll, and two judges. Two clerks and two sheriffs are the other election officials. All have specific responsibilities designed to make everyone's voting experience as efficient as possible within the law. Staff receives training prior to the election and then set up the poll Monday evening. Election Day duty runs from 5 a.m. until the poll is closed and cleaned, the votes tabulated, and the equipment returned to Plymouth.

The political party of the inspector is determined by how the county voted for the Indiana Secretary of State. One Democrat and one Republican fill each of the three other positions.

With a continuous line of voters from opening at 6

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## Culver middle, high school students cast student election votes

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver Community Middle and High School students made their voices heard this election day in a student election overseen by teachers Cheryl Geik and Vickie Benner. Benner also oversees the Caval Crier, the student newspaper, which sponsored the election.

With approximately 55 percent of the student body voting, 71 percent of Culver Middle School students opted for the Obama/Biden (D) ticket, with 29 percent voting for McCain/Palin (R). Mitch Daniels (R) received 63 percent of the CMS vote with Jill Long Thompson (D) receiving 37 percent.

Culver High School students also came out in favor of Obama/Biden by 68 percent to the McCain/Palin vote of 32 percent. 59 percent of CHS students, unlike their fellow students in the middle school, chose Jill Long Thompson for governor versus Mitch Daniels at 41 percent.

Students cast their ballots on election day, with high school students voting during their lunch period and middle school during their lunch or before school, according to Benner.



## Awaiting history

The lobby of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library was often filled with Culver residents last Tuesday awaiting their chance to cast a vote in this year's historic election. More than 60 percent of Culver's citizens turned out, according to town voting inspector Jim Sawhook (see above article).

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## Relic from a legend goes to museum

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Top photo: Jeff Krieg, right, shows Culver-Union Twp. Public Library director Colleen Carpenter the bell from the Maxinkuckee tour boat, an item he has donated to the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver for its Center for Culver History, located in the original Carnegie portion of the library. The Maxinkuckee, piloted for decades by Capt. Frank Amond, was a beloved fixture on the lake for hundreds – if not thousands – of enthusiastic passengers, who reveled in Amond's colorful tales of lake life past and present. The boat itself had once toured nearby Lake Manitou as "The Red Wing" before Arthur Simpson bought it, moved to Lake Maxinkuckee, and named the boat after the lake, selling it to Amond in 1941, after which he operated it for 38 summers here. Krieg says he obtained the bell after the boat's 1978 docking on the north shore of the lake, showing it to a wistful Amond, who thought the bell was at the bottom of the lake. Krieg says he wants to share the bell as an heirloom of so many good memories to so many in the area.

Bottom photo: The Maxinkuckee in its glory days, circa 1958, from a postcard of that era.  
PHOTO/ARCHIVES OF THE ANTIQUARIAN & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER



# Election results in detail

By Maggie Nixon  
Managing Editor

PLYMOUTH — Marshall County votes have been tallied, and by a margin of 55.09 percent to 43.59 percent, the people here chose John McCain (R) as their Presidential nominee over Barack Obama (D) and Bob Barr (L), who received 1.18 percent of the vote.

However, Obama prevailed in Indiana and nationwide, securing the U.S. presidency last night.

Long lines awaited some voters at some polling sites around the county, according to volunteer Fernando Gomez.

"They all had lines," he said. "But, most were not unbearable."

Results started rolling in to the Marshall County Clerk's

Office around 6:20 p.m., and all precincts were counted by a few minutes after 9 p.m.

There were 29,964 registered voters and the clerk's office took a count of 18,862 ballots, or 62.95 percent voter turnout.

In the hottest contested race in the county, it looked like Ralph "Rick" Huff would upset Curt Palmer's bid for election as Circuit Court judge. It took nearly three hours after the polls had closed for the final numbers to come in, but the final tallies showed that Palmer pulled ahead of Huff by a percentage of 50.54 to 49.46. It wasn't until 23 of the 27 precincts were turned in that Palmer showed the lead.

In state races, Republican incumbent Governor Mitch Daniels topped his challengers Jill Long Thompson (D)

and Andy Horning (L).

Other winners include: Greg Zoeller for Attorney General; Tony Bennett for Superintendent of Public Instruction; Joe Donnelly for U.S. Rep - District 2; Ed Charbonneau for State Senate - District 2; Ryan Mishler for State Senate - District 9; and Nancy Dembowski for State Rep. - District 17.

Incumbent Ron Gifford was topped by Larry Holloway. Absentee votes were in Holloway's favor at 1328 to 562, and Gifford never recovered.

Cliff Allen, Democrat, and Robert Listenberger, Democrat, both were top challengers to Ward Byers (R), Ralph Booker (R) and Rex Gilliland (R) for county council, but fell short in the end.

## Results by number

<b>Local:</b>			
<b>Culver Community Schools Corp. At Large</b>			
VOTES= 885			
170	885	100%	NED A. DAVIS
<b>Culver Community Schools Corp. District 1</b>			
VOTES= 761			
142	761	100%	JAMES (JIM) M. WENTZEL
<b>Culver Community Schools Corp. District 2</b>			
VOTES= 698			
122	698	100%	EDWARD R. BEHNKE
<b>Culver Community Schools Corp. District 5</b>			
VOTES= 727			
144	727	100%	EUGENE R. BAKER
50	195	14.75%	CATHERINE GROSS
109	483	36.54%	GAIL SNYDER
<b>County:</b>			
<b>Judge of the Circuit Court</b>			
VOTES= 17,667			
1726	8929	50.54%	CURTIS D. PALMER (R)
2194	8738	49.46%	RALPH R. ("RICK") HUFF (D)
<b>Judge of the Sup Court No. 2</b>			
VOTES= 13,561			
2683	13561	100%	DEAN A. COLVIN (R)
<b>County Treasurer</b>			
VOTES= 13,705			
2746	13705	100%	DEBORAH VANDEMARK (R)
<b>County Coroner</b>			
VOTES= 17,258			
2208	10878	63.03%	WILLIAM CLEAVENGER (R)
1615	6380	36.97%	PAM KRUDER (D)
<b>County Surveyor</b>			

VOTES= 13,668			
2764	13668	100%	LARRY C. FISHER (R)
<b>County Commissioner District 2</b>			
VOTES= 13,556			
2711	13556	100%	TOM CHAMBERLIN (R)
<b>County Commissioner District 3</b>			
VOTES= 13,362			
2609	13362	100%	KEVIN G. OVERMYER (R)
<b>County Council Member At-Large</b>			
VOTES= 49,019			
1874	9136	18.64%	RALPH E. BOOKER (R)
2040	9911	20.22%	WARD S. BYERS (R)
1839	8918	18.19%	REX A. GILLILAND (R)
1708	6519	13.30%	CLIFFORD ALLEN (D)
1893	7361	15.02%	ROBERT LISTENBERGER (D)
1389	5412	11.04%	DON MASSING (D)
348	1762	3.59%	RYAN LIEDTKY (L)
<b>State:</b>			
<b>United States Rep. District 2</b>			
VOTES= 18,193			
1300	6700	36.83%	LUKE PUCKETT (R)
2663	11089	60.95%	JOE DONNELLY (D)
84	399	2.19%	MARK VOGEL (L)
<b>State Senator District 5</b>			
VOTES= 11,560			
1476	6293	54.44%	ED CHARBONNEAU (R)
136	5267	45.56%	LARRY W. BALMER (D)
<b>State Representative District 17</b>			
VOTES= 13,203			
1273	5744	43.51%	MARK MACKILLOP (R)
1947	7459	56.49%	NANCY DEMBOWSKI (D)

## Voting from page 1

a.m. until well into the afternoon, over 530 ballots were cast here. Including the additional 140 absentee votes, there was a better than 60 percent turnout in town.

In addition to myself, the officials for this election were:

Dan Adams, Dennis Cohee, Mary Ann Dutt, Gwen Hoesel, Myles Pinder and Kay Tusing. Two were new, but the others have been at this for a number of years -- in some cases, for many years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for the really excellent job they did in giving Culver a smooth voting experience. That, in turn, made my job easy.

This year a lawyer from Chicago was stationed

on the sidewalk beyond the yellow rope "chute" which marks the extent of the area the election board controls. Her reason for being here was to "observe and to provide assistance to voters." A noteworthy aspect of her presence was that she was quite touched with the quiet charm of Culver. Compared to her "big city" experiences, she could not believe the civility and friendliness of the voters and the smooth voting process here. That was a nice "pat on the back" for those who voted here. And I thank all of you for helping to make it so.

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## Culverites from page 1

Now kids do believe it. We shed a lot of light on a lot of people who were closed-minded. Change is good. I'm not going to say he'll be a good president, but we'll see what he can do."

## Anniversary - Weiger

Clifford and Leah Weiger of Culver will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 12, 2008. They were married Nov. 12, 1983 in Donaldson by Rev. Dennis Jackson. Their children are: Cliff Weiger Jr. of Culver, Kimberly Rodriguez of Plymouth and Andrea Michell of Walkerton. They also have six grandchildren.

Cliff works at Transit-Mix as a mechanic. Leah works at Culver Community Schools Corporation as a kitchen manager/cook.

They plan to take a trip to Las Vegas at a later date.

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, Nov. 13

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Col. Warren Foersch, Deputy Commandant CMA, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Parks & Recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg, 7 p.m., church rectory basement

### Saturday, Nov. 15

Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace church, Culver  
"The Man Who Came to Dinner," Culver Academies fall play, 7:30 p.m., Eppley auditorium

### Monday, Nov. 17

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 Elementary School "teacher day" (fundraiser), evening, Plymouth McDonald's

### Tuesday, Nov. 18

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Plan commission mtg., 6:30 p.m.  
Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Wednesday, Nov. 19

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

### Thursday, Nov. 20

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Lisa Moise, CES teacher on character building, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
BZA mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg, 7 p.m., church rectory basement

## Lynch elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Jonathan Lynch, son of Tim and Kelly Lynch of Fort Wayne has been elected into the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Indiana University. Jonathan's maternal grandparents are John and Sandy Middleton of Culver.

Phi Beta Kappa is a national honor society that recognizes outstanding achievement in arts and sciences. Jonathan Lynch was honored for excellence in his undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University, Bloomington.

This award signifies that he is one of the top students in the nation in liberal arts and sciences studies.

Jonathan Lynch is majoring in Biology BS/Chemistry and plans to attend medical school next fall.

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## Obituary

### Frances E. Hewes

Frances E. Hewes, 85, died peacefully at her home in South Bend Nov. 5, 2008.

She was born and raised in Culver to Arthur and Clara Hewes. After attending St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, she joined Bock Welding in South Bend, remaining there until her retirement.

Preceding her in death were a sister, Helen Glassley, and brothers Bernard and Robert Hewes. She is survived by nephews Philip Glassley of Indianapolis and Dr. Michael Glassley of Fort Wayne, and her niece Susan Snyder of Glendale, AZ.

Frances was a proud great aunt to 11 great nieces and nephews, and to many great, great nieces and nephews. All will miss her expressive smile and energetic spirit. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12 p.m. Sat., Nov. 8, at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. A time of sharing memories with the family was from 11 a.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity or have a mass read in her memory.

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

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

## Culver's praises sung on ESPN.com

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

As happens from time to time, Culver made the national press once again, this time in regards to Culver Girls Academies' vie for the state soccer crown. While the hard-fighting lady Eagles didn't make it all the way, their accomplishments were celebrated – as was Culver itself – by no less than ESPN on its website ([espn.go.com](http://espn.go.com) – search for "Culver" once there).

Most memorable for readers, however, is that the article goes well beyond discussion of the team and its efforts, but notes that Culver ("a tiny Indiana town") is "buzzing" during the summer months, discusses Culver's status as summer home to the Steinbrenner, Irsay, and "countless other" families, and notes the town virtually "hibernates" the rest of the year. A brief bio of Culver Academies and

## 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, Nov. 13:** Salmon patty, with sauce, beets, sweet ptato patty, bread & margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

**Friday, Nov. 14:** Ham Slice, cheesy mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread & margarine, pears, tomato juice, and milk.  
**Monday, Nov. 17:** Chicken breast, gravy, mashed potatoes, bread & margarine, spinach, mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18:** Pot roast with gravy, rice, broccoli, corn, pears, pumpkin pie, and milk.

**Wednesday, Nov. 19:** Chopped steak w/gravy, baby bak-ers, lima beans, bread & margarine, apple juice, and milk.

**Thursday, Nov. 20:** Meatballs & noodles w/ gravy, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, roll & margarine, apricots, and milk.

**Friday, Nov. 21:** Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad & dressing, Italian Beans, garlic bread & margarine, pineapple, and milk.

retelling of the tale of the CGA team's path to glory this season is followed by quotes from coach Harry Canellakis and player Jenna Iwaniec, one of the only team members to live in Culver year-round (where she says news of CGA's victories travels fast enough that strangers approach her to congratulate her in town).

The article, titles "Culver in position to make statement" and written by Joe Trost, concludes with the suggestion that, due to the lady Eagles' efforts, "more than just the locals know how great Culver is." All in all, Trost's writing manages to capture some of the charm of the Culver community and share it with the world at large, adding it to a list of several such national writings over the years to celebrate the area.

*Thanks to Mike Sheskey for sharing this article with the editor and many in the Culver community.*

## Letters to the editor

### Thanks for helping build a dream

The Vandalia Village Playground Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions to the playground project at the Culver Town Park. Whether you made a donation, volunteered on construction day, donated food, or stopped by to give words of encouragement, you helped make a dream come true for many children in our community. Vandalia Village has become a reality!

Vandalia Village is an expandable play area. As additional funds become available, the park department has plans to add swings, permanent benches, additional components to the ship, and of course the pickets will surround the play area once it is completed. In the spring of 2009, a sign listing the donors will be erected near the play area.

It is our sincere hope that all of the children in our community and the patrons who visit in the summer will have hours of enjoyment in Vandalia Village. Thank you, Culver, for building a dream!

Sincerely,  
**Vandalia Village Play-ground Committee  
Culver**

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### 'Peeping' at work of Tree Commission

I would like to thank God, Mother Nature, the young people and citizens who helped plant the trees at the Culver Town Park on Lake Max, and the Culver Tree Commission for one of the most amazing displays of fall color I've witnessed in years!

As an Ohio born "leaf peeper" from way back I've traveled wide and far in search of a good show – and here I found it in my own backyard! Thanks!

From the camera slinging Leaf Peeper  
**Kathy "Leaf Peeper" Weigand  
Culver**

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# Waiting in patience for God's harvest

I have had to travel to the Indianapolis area a handful of times in the past few weeks to see family. The drives have been absolutely gorgeous because of the changing fall colors and clear blue skies.



## Pastor's Corner

By Larry Saunders  
Wesley United  
Methodist church

of harvesting equipment. The process of harvesting the thousands and thousands of acres in corn and beans around Culver takes a lot of time because it is such a massive task, and machines that top out at 20 miles per hour only seem to make it last longer!

Jesus had a teaching moment with his disciples that draws from the analogy of the harvest. In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus taught them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." What harvest is Jesus talking about? The statement by itself could refer to almost anything, from a literal harvest, to being a metaphor for people coming to God, to producing certain qualities in our lives that are pleasing to God. In the context of Jesus' statement, he is moved to compassion for the people who are "like sheep without a shepherd." It seems, then, that the harvest he is referring to is the potential for people to find life, fulfillment, direction and joy in knowing God.

Yet for all the potential, there is tremendous concern that there is a lack of laborers! The harvest is lost if it ripens without the workers on hand to bring it on time. We might expect Jesus to issue a rally cry to recruit more laborers for the harvest. We might expect him to say "The harvest is plentiful – start harvesting!" or "Go find more laborers." Rather, Jesus issues a call to *prayer*. "Pray earnestly," Jesus says, for God to send out the laborers. In the final analysis, Jesus understands something important – it is not our harvest to control, but God's. Our role is twofold – we are most certainly to be laborers, when the harvest is ripe, but secondly, we have a role of praying that God would supply the necessary workers to bring in a harvest that is His. Something about praying reminds us that things are ultimately going to happen on God's timetable, not ours. It might feel to us like we stuck behind a slow moving combine, waiting for God to act. Yet just as none of those decisions are mine about when to harvest the local crops, so also the decision is not ours about when God will choose to bring in His full harvest of people into His kingdom!

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Jim Harper sometimes points out that Culver's street signs were a Lions' Club project: "If you've used a street sign, thank a Lion!" (House numbering, I believe, came in as a part of home mail delivery.) One of the original ideas of having such signs in Culver was that with the signs in place, people would finally be able to use street names and stop giving directions by reference to people's houses and businesses. Eighty-some years later, of course, we're still doing just the same thing—and sometimes, I suspect, even referring to the same houses. My mother, who remarked not long before she died that after seventy years in Culver she still felt like an out-of-towner, would probably have had something to say about how long you have to live in a house here before people stop calling it "The old Smithers place."

We're sort of attached to the past in Culver, in both good and bad ways. I had one aspect of that attachment brought home to me this August as I came back to Pennsylvania. I took US 40, and eventually found myself in Hagerstown, Maryland. Travelling from there to Pottstown, I realized, could take me past Gettysburg. For some reason, I memorized Lincoln's Address in third or fourth grade, and Jim Cox had me over to his junior high history class to recite it. As a result, I've always had a particular interest in this battle, though I had never been to the site. Thus, about 11 o'clock on a hot Monday morning, I stood on the Union lines on Cemetery Ridge, looking west and downhill to Lee's position on Seminary Ridge.

The battlefield is thick with monuments. What struck me most, though, was a bit of shin-high rock wall that made a corner, with a tree growing up in it. This utterly ordinary scene, a sign explained, was The Angle: the place where, on July 3, 1863, the third day of the battle, as part of Pickett's Charge, Confederate Gen. Lewis Armistead's men briefly overran the Union position, only to be driven back in the bloodiest of hand-to-hand fighting. Armistead himself was mortally wounded nearby. That tree and the little bit of wall marked, give or take, the furthest point of Lee's desperate last attack of the battle: people call the area around it the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy."

The tree and the wall made Gettysburg different for me—especially real, somehow. People tell me I'm particularly subject to that sort of thing, but I can't help thinking it's a frame of mind that affects a lot of us in Culver. We value the physical remains of the past, like the old Library and the Depot, the House of a Thousand Candles and the Kreuzberger home, brick streets and the foundation of the old Vandalia turntable. At least three of our restaurants are decorated with memorabilia from town history. The lake itself is a constant reminder of tourist afternoons, the vanished ice industry, and a whole encyclopedia of tragedies. And sometimes we even recreate lost landmarks, like the lighthouse in the park.

Some landmarks, despite all that, slip out of our attention. In England, they actually have a church service to help prevent this. On a certain day in the spring, the children, equipped with sticks, are marched around from one of the parish boundary markers to the next. At each marker, they are instructed "Beat it," and they whack away

## Nostalgia

75 years ago

Nov. 15, 1933

- Continued cold weather is forecast for today as temperatures took a nose dive in the Culver area's first taste of real winter weather this week. The thermometer read six to eight degrees above zero this morning, with more than two inches of snow on the ground Tues. morning.
- Culver's newest business will open its doors Saturday when the Ben Franklin 5 cent and 10 cent store, with Ben Oberlin as its proprietor, opens its doors on Main St. across from the M.E. Church (*editor's note: this is the building at 114 N. Main St. occupied today by Michelle's Headquarters*). Mr. Oberlin has recently completed the new building, which is 20 ft. wide and 100 ft. deep, with good lighting

and ample window space to display merchandise.

- Col. Robert Rossow has received a flood of "fan" mail following the publication of the Culver bandit story in True Detective Mysteries magazine. While part of the mail is of the congratulatory type, much of it expressed interest in the defense plan devised by Rossow and asked further information (*editor's note: the entire article may be read online at www.culver.lib.in.us, the Culver Public Library's website*).

25 years ago

Nov. 16, 1983

- A grass fire which spread quickly out of control engulfed two small sheds at the Green property on the corner of Peru Ct. and Akron St. Monday, but was contained before it could damage two nearby homes. Quick action by

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# Trees

at the marker. (Legend has it that it was originally the children who were beaten, rather than the markers.) Around here, though, we're dependent on word of mouth and a few old books. The tree at Gettysburg reminds me, now, of something I was reading in one of those books (Corbin's "One Township's Yesterdays") just before I left home this summer. Almost at the end of his book, Corbin reports on a letter he's received from Florence Morris. The daughter of Issac N. and Emily Thompson Morris, and niece of Phebe Morris Voreis, Florence was related in one way or another to most of the pioneer families of '36. Her brother,

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

By John Wm. Houghton

part of the Culver Academies campus west of Logansport Gate. The farm house at Academy Road and North Shore Lane (which I grew up thinking of as the Bogardus House, in which the Hodgkins lived) was the Morris home. The land south of the house was platted out: what we call "Academy Road" was "Indiana Avenue," and what is now the wide sidewalk west of the Eppley academic buildings was (I believe) "Morris Street."

Miss Morris writes: "What I want to give, especially, is a history of the large maple trees on the north side of the road or street from the house owned by Mrs. Bogardus to the top of the grade or, to be exact, to Colonel Rossow's lot. Likewise, I would mention the maple trees on the south side of the street, opposite Mrs. Bogardus' house, and extending east along the street to the Academy. These maple trees I have mentioned were set out by my father and two brothers, Milton and Edmund Morris, before the Civil War—probably about 1858 or 1859. I thought these trees were old enough to deserve mention" (63).

Corwin was writing in 1934, and I suppose it's possible that the trees we see now along "Indiana Avenue" have been planted, and grown up, since then. But I would like to think, at least, that these landmarks are the very ones the Morrises planted, as old as, or older than, that silent witness at The Angle.

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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 Other Poems.*

neighbors prevented the destruction of an automobile owned by neighbor Paul Kaley of Akron St.

- The Culver Comm. Jr-Sr High School building trades class is constructing a new house on the Jerry Hollenbaugh farm south of Culver. Mr. Hollenbaugh is director of vocational education for ten area schools. This is the fifth year for the building trades program, led by instructor Bob Trigg. Included in this year's crew: Duane DeWitt, Ed Salzer,

Tom Cummings, Doug Lewis, Jim Bodine, Bruce Solberg, Kyle Elliott, Paul Pier, Rod Reagen, Clinton Sanders, Albert Hanselman, Ray Mann.

- Culver High School student Kyle Elliott has been named all conference honorable mention for tennis. Diane Keller was named to the all conference honorable mention volleyball team, and Bonnie Melvis was named all conference for basketball.

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# Sports



## Culver Academies' alumna named Player of the Year



Jessica Kutch

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### Culver players earn NSC volleyball mention

KNOX — Northern State Conference champion New Prairie earned four selections to the all-NSC volleyball team, released this week.

Margaux Jarka, Ashley Granat, Stephanie Szuba and Alicia Carlton collected all-conference status for the Cougars, who finished the conference slate undefeated.

Three-way runners up Bremen, Knox and Jimtown landed a pair of players each. Seniors Tiffany Vogeler and Andi Coffel represented the Lions; Caity Farus and Erika Combs made it for Knox; and Katie Goward and Riley Eaton were named for the Jimmies.

John Glenn's Ila Jackson and LaVille sophomore Kaitlyn Kopetski round out the all-NSC squad

#### • NORTHERN STATE CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

##### First team

Margaux Jarka, New Prairie; Ashley Granat, New Prairie; Stephanie Szuba, New Prairie; Alicia Carlton, New Prairie; Tiffany Vogeler, Bremen; Andi Coffel, Bremen; Katie Goward, Jimtown; Riley Eaton, Jimtown; Caity Farus, Knox; Erika Combs, Knox; Ila Jackson, John Glenn; Kaitlyn Kopetski, LaVille.

##### Honorable mention

Libby Chang, Bremen; Alexis Cook, Jimtown; Brittany Tetzloff, Knox; Paige Davis, Triton; Hannah Downing, Triton; Bethany Kern, Triton; Beth Wojdyla, Culver Community; Patrice McBee, Culver Community; Cayla Ochs, John Glenn.

Team standings: New Prairie 7-0; Bremen 5-2; Jimtown 5-2; Knox 5-2; Triton 3-4; Culver Community 2-5; John Glenn 1-6; LaVille 0-7.

## Culver shorts Hockey

### CMA blanks St. Joe

CMA's hockey team picked up its first win of the season by a 5-0 count over St. Joe Wednesday.

Vince Vacketta scored the Eagles' first and last goals, while Jon Sdao, Troy Grogan and Connor Vazales all found the back of the net once for CMA.

• CULVER MILITARY 5, S.B. ST. JOSEPH'S 0

At Culver

FIRST PERIOD

CMA - Vince Vacketta (Jon Sdao, Rhett Schaefer), 9:34.

SECOND PERIOD

CMA - Sdao (Taylor Duguay), 3:57.

THIRD PERIOD

CMA - Troy Grogan (Ryan Sete), 9:12.

CMA - Connor Vazales (Clint Zumer, Sdao) 5:15.

CMA - Vacketta (Brandon Benn), 3:33.

Shots: St. Joe 15, CMA 41. Saves: St. Joe 36 (Ryan Sopczynski 29, Ethan Palmer 7); CMA 15 (Jake Lubben 15).

Records: St. Joe 3-1-1, CMA 1-2.

## Jana's now 3-0

KOKOMO — Jana's Gymnastics competitive team participated in the All Star Classic Gymnastics Meet in Kokomo Saturday.

Jana's Bronze and Silver teams are now 3-0 on the season.

#### Results:

##### Bronze Level

Caitlin Kulpa: Vault 7.9, Bars 9.0(5th), Beam 8.65, Floor 8.35, AA 33.9(9th).

Abigail Bankson: Vault 8.5(2nd), Bars 9.0(5th), Beam 8.75, Floor 8.825(5th), AA 35.075(3rd).

Lexi Miller: Vault 7.6, Bars 8.9, Beam 9.125(2nd), Floor 9.225(1st), AA 34.85(4th).

Allie Bickle: Vault 8.4(3rd), Bars 8.8, Beam 8.2,



## Lady Cavs revving up for the season

Culver Community's Gwen Zehner defends against O-D's Caley Savoie during a girls basketball scrimmage Saturday.

PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Floor 8.8, AA 34.2(8th).

Kendall Rhodes: Vault 8.2(5th), Bars 9.075(4th), Beam 8.8(4th), Floor 8.7, AA 34.775(5th).

Michela Gibson: Vault 8.15, Bars 8.7, Beam 8.8(4th), Floor 8.9(4th), AA 34.55(6th).

Karly Gruett: Vault 8.25(4th), Bars 9.2(1st), Beam 9.15(1st), Floor 9.1(2nd), AA 35.7(1st).

Belle Beeson: Vault 7.4, Bars 9.15(3rd), Beam 8.825(3rd), Floor 9.0(3rd), AA 34.275(7th).

Alexis Agnew: Vault

8.8(1st), Bars 9.2(1st), Beam 8.55, Floor 8.725, AA 35.275(2nd).

**Silver Level**

Lindsay Miller: Vault 8.85(1st), Bars 9.1(1st), Beam 9.05(1st), Floor 8.725, AA 35.725(1st).

Hanna Hough: Vault 7.0, Bars 8.35, Beam 8.65(2nd), Floor 8.15, AA 32.15(6th).

Barbie Kimmel: Vault 8.15(3rd), Bars 8.6(3rd), Beam 8.75(1st), Floor 8.55(3rd), AA 34.05(3rd).

## United Way invites funding requests from not-for-profit organizations serving county

Plymouth, Indiana — The United Way of Marshall County invites not-for-profit organizations serving residents of Marshall County to submit a request for funding for 2009.

With the increased need in our community for health and human services and with limited dollars available, United Way's Board of Directors must ensure that our Community Investment Allocations are being made as wisely as possible. And our investors (donors) want to know that we are making the greatest possible impact in the areas of need identified by our community. To meet

our donors needs the United Way of Marshall County has begun to focus more closely on measuring organizational and program results. In an effort to better understand the community's needs, this year the United Way of Marshall County is opening up the opportunity to apply for funding to existing, as well as new, not-for-profit organizations and programs.

Interested organizations should review the eligibility guidelines and our current funding priorities located on our website at [www.marshallcountyuw.org](http://www.marshallcountyuw.org). If the program or organization for which you are seeking funding

fits these guidelines, please submit the Letter of Intent by December 1, 2008. The United Way of Marshall County Allocations Committee will review these letters and invite eligible organizations to submit full applications.

Please understand funding by the United Way is not guaranteed. This is a competitive granting process.

For more information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, Executive Director, United Way of Marshall County at 574-936-3366 or visit our web site at <http://www.marshallcountyuw.org/>.

## Jackson left impact as community-minded entrepreneur

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

When Harvey Jackson Jr. died Oct. 1, the Culver area lost a well-known entrepreneur and concerned citizen who had overcome more odds than many can realize.

Some may recall his efforts to turn the old Leiters Ford school building into a community center to help local underprivileged youth; other will remember he and his family's appearance in the early 1990s on the Sally Jesse Raphael and Gordon Elliott television programs to address the local resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan. Some might relish memories of the barbecue he and his family sold for years at Lakefest and other regional events, and even for a time at a restaurant they owned on Lake Shore Drive, just west of the movie theater. Still others are familiar with Jackson Services, which he founded in 1970 and passed along to son David (whose sculpture work was profiled in the Nov. 6 Culver Citizen), and which has been awarded a number of high profile jobs across northern Indiana since.

His Oct. 9 death notice in the Citizen didn't mention any of that, and it also didn't mention the scars on his shoulder and ankles from pulling cotton sacks in Arkansas as a youth ("If you didn't have so many pounds of cotton picked," recalls Jackson's wife Beverly, "you got a beating"). Born in 1939, Jackson saw firsthand a side of America many see only in movies or read about in books today.

Many acquainted with Harvey Jackson Jr. doubtless didn't know that, after his arrival in Chicago at age 16, he gradually learned some of the techniques of construction and demolition firsthand

from drug addicts and "wine-heads."

"When he was a young boy, he used to tear buildings down by hand," says Beverly Jackson. "At 16, while on a job, he stuck a pick through his foot, and his whole shoe filled with blood. He wrapped it up tight and poured kerosene on it and patted it with a stick (and kept working). Nothing happened to it! The streets there were lined up with guys wanting work, so if you hurt yourself, you were fired."

After marrying Beverly and the arrival of the couple's first daughter, Arnesia (later a graduate of Culver High School), they discovered a neighbor girl had her throat slit in their Chicago back yard. That was enough for the Jacksons. "I said, 'Harvey, it's time to go.'"

So they moved to rural land south of Leiters Ford in April, 1973. Harvey had already been bringing inner city youth to the area to familiarize them with simpler, healthier rural life, and the couple loved the area, in spite of less than welcoming reactions to their arrivals from some in the previously all-white area. "At night," recalls Beverly, "pickup trucks would go by and holler, 'Nigger, nigger, nigger!' (But) some of those same guys became some of his best friends. Harvey always had this terminology for 'the N word.' He said, 'You've got to take the tuxedo off that word, take the power away from it.' Kids would call them that name and our kids would laugh at them. Harvey taught them to respect yourself, because your name is you."

Adversity and difficulty may be the stuff of many lives, but Harvey Jackson Jr. was unusu-

al in his response, which was to embrace a decidedly positive outlook on life and turn challenges into opportunities. "He loved to tell his stories," Beverly reminisces. "He was a storyteller. He had this insight on things."

That insight he tried to pass along to his eight children, three of whom graduated from Culver Academies. "He was a hard man as far as teaching the kids," Beverly says. "He believed in old way. He said, 'I want to teach them about being husbands and wives.'"

Son Michael notes, "Some people have fathers and take them for granted. Some of my friends have said, 'He was a real father.' Things you would see him do, you'd change your lifestyle to fit his. Your father is your role model, your hero. That's how I based my life. He instilled that in all of us."

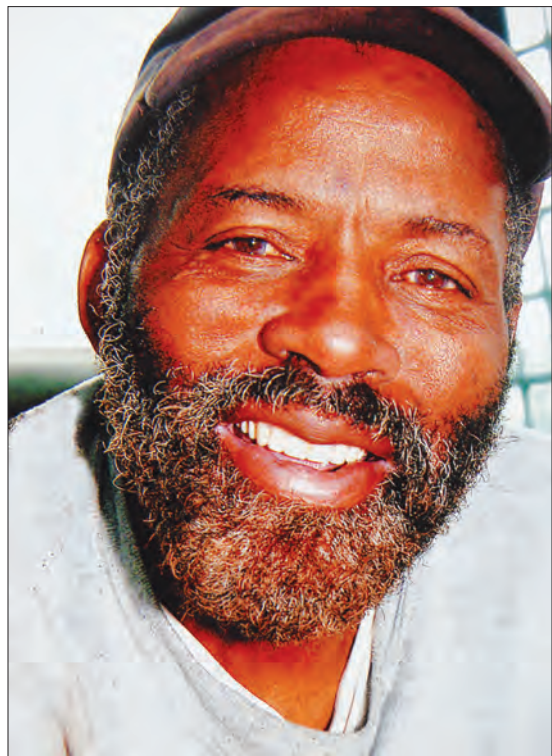
The proof is in the success of Jackson's children. Son Josh has his own trucking company, David operates Jackson Services with Michael, Harvey III owns his own construction and trucking company and a Kewanna grocery store, and Michelle teaches Spanish in Indianapolis, to name a few. Arnesia died in 2007.

"Me and my dad spent about 80 percent of the day together every day," recalls David of the years since his 1998 graduation from Culver High School. "We lived close together. We have such a tight-knit family."

Beverly says Harvey Jr. made a unique necklace for each child with its own particular symbolism and lesson for them, from the trees on the family's land. "He was a man of nature. He always said whatever would ail you, you can find out in the woods. And he loved the past. He said the slaves were his heroes; they got him where he was."

Jackson's death was unexpected, says Beverly, who buried him quite intentionally in a simple wooden casket in his overalls. "About two weeks earlier, we were sitting by one of his monuments (sculptures he created with son David) and he said, 'You know Beverly, we are so blessed. Look where we are. The kids are all well; I'm doing what I want to do.' I said, 'You know, we really are.'"

"Harvey would tell people he was a million years old," she adds. "He believed that your spirit is always here. I don't ever want to leave here. I know his spirit is here."



Harvey Jackson Jr.

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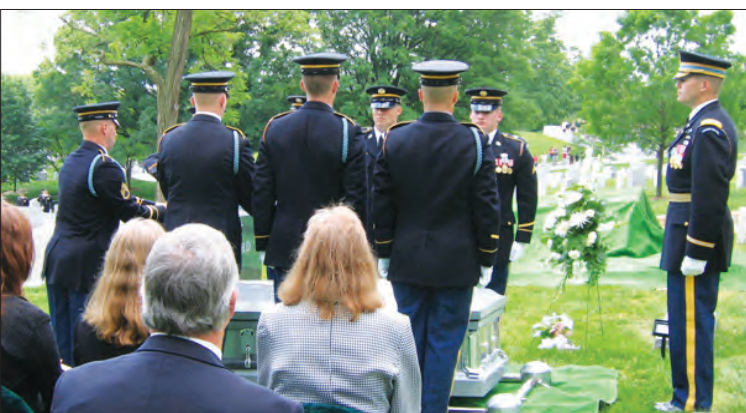
## In Memoriam: LT. Col. Richard I Paul

### “The Academy Quixote”

By José Manuel Garzón  
Master Instructor and Chair Holder,  
Modern and Classical Languages Department

Richard I. Paul (My good friend “Ricardo” as I used to call him). I knew him for the first time in August, 1974. The very first thing that I remember of him it was his friendly smile and his prankish eyes and very soon I began to admired his inquisitive mind and his energy without limits.

Richard I. Paul matriculated at Culver in 1935 and graduated in 1939. His father, then-Major Willard Paul, was assigned to Culver as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Richard graduated from the Academy in 1939, as a member of Company A, a lieutenant, and Aide to the Superintendent.



The service at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C. for Lt. Col. Richard Irving Paul, May 15, 2008.

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He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and served as a regular officer in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II, in France, Germany and Italy. After that he was in Brazil for a few years and back to The United States until his retirement in 1967. That year he returned to Culver as a member of the Foreign Language Department where he served as a Spanish instructor until 1980, when he retired and moved to Destin, Fla. At the time of his death, he was living in Ker-ville, Tex. with his daughter, Mary. He died shortly after open-heart surgery in March 7, 2008.

We taught for so many years Spanish Language in the

basement of Argonne building and later on in Gignilliat Hall. We directed the Spanish Club for many years. We traveled to Córdoba, Granada, Málaga, and Sevilla in Spain during several summers, and we had magnificent times there with my entire family.

I learned so much from him about the Academies and life in general in the USA. I remember very vividly the magnificent and lengthy conversations that I used to have with my dearest colleague and friend, Richard I Paul, about Spanish American novelists and poets and in general any issues dealing with Spanish literature, art and history.

He was a great source of inspiration to me. He was the personification of elegance, goodness, kindness, unselfishness and compassion, a great military, and teacher of high standards and principles in and out the classroom.

Richard, I can only say: “Requiems cat-in pace, dearest friend; you will be missed.

## The Culver Tree Commission and your street trees

by Judy Sawhook

If you haven't visited the town of Culver's website lately, or if you weren't even aware that one existed, you may just want to visit: [www.townofculver.org](http://www.townofculver.org). It contains a wealth of information about our community including descriptions of the boards and commissions which are integral parts of Culver's infrastructure. Following is the description of the Culver Tree Commission:

In recognition of the fact that trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the Town, the Culver Municipal Tree Ordinance (Ordinance 2006-004) was enacted Aug. 8, 2006. The ordinance included the establishment of the Culver Tree Commission consisting of five members, all appointed to three year terms by the Culver Town Council. The charge of the Commission is to assist the Council in formulating policies and practices of urban forestry.

One of the Commission's goals was to conduct and maintain a professional survey of all of the trees along the streets or alleys, and in other public areas in the Town of Culver. These are the trees, also referred to as street trees, in the Town's right-of-way between the streets and the sidewalks. The survey was conducted and resulted in the publication in Nov., 2007 of the Street Tree Inventory and Management Plan. This Plan is the foundation upon which the Commission assists the Town in its efforts to maintain and grow its Urban Forest.

The Commission has been successful in obtaining grants for the annual purchase, and subsequent volunteer planting of new street trees. The Commission was also instrumental in having Culver designated a Tree City USA.

Commission members can be contacted via mail at the Culver Town Hall, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN 46511, or by calling 574-842-3140. Regular public meetings of the Commission are held at the Culver town hall.

Members: Mike Stallings, President; Dick Brantingham, Vice President; Judy Campbell; Judy Sawhook and Tom Kearns

One hundred trees have been planted to date and among other current tasks, Commission members are at work developing sites for the spring 2009 planting of an additional 50 trees. You are urged to contact any of the Tree Commission members if you are interested in a planting at your residence. Members are also most receptive to input on any aspect of their work.

## Briefs, from page 1

### Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

### Culver library initiates Food for fines

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will accept donations of non-perishable food and personal items for Culver's food pantry to offset fines accrued for already returned items, between Nov. 3 and Jan. 3. Each item donated is good for one dollar off a patron's fine. Donated items may not be used to pay for lost or damaged items, and will not be accepted to pay fines for items still unreturned. Items should be brought to the circulation desk and given to a clerk along with the patron's name.

### DivorceCare

DivorceCare divorce recovery 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.

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.

### 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.

# Academies students experience *Wickedness* in Chicago



Culver and Chicago resident Paul Gignilliat (CMA class of '49) with Academies student Rebecca Nash.

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On Oct. 19, 33 students and 11 adults from Culver Academies traveled to Chicago as guests of Culver alumnus Paul Gignilliat '49 to enjoy the play *Wicked* at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts Oriental Theatre.

Sponsored by Ellen and Paul Gignilliat '49, residents of Chicago and Culver, the trip is part of the Culver Academies' Culture in Chicago program. Set up by the Gignilliat in 2006, the program provides students, faculty, and staff exposure to the arts and cultural offerings in Chicago. Gignilliat told the group that the program offers them an opportunity to balance the many athletic events at Culver with fine arts events in Chicago. In addition, it brings Culver students to Chicago so that others can be introduced to Culver Academies. It is the hope of the Gignilliat that some of the talented students attending the programs will return to Chicago after college as residents.

Student Madeleine Loney stated, “This trip to Chicago to see *Wicked* was truly a wonderful experience! It was the first time that I had been to Chicago, and it was especially exciting because of the nice theatre, actors, and restaurant. The Gignilliat gave us such a gift!”

Student Joshua Branson mirrored the feeling, “The op-

portunity to see *Wicked* was wonderful. I have never had that much fun with the school before. I am unbelievably thankful for being able to go.”

Culver Academies' staff member Courtney Van Dorpe stated, “I feel very fortunate to work for a school with so many extra-curricular opportunities. I had a wonderful afternoon sharing lunch and conversations with Mr. Gignilliat and students. *Wicked* was wonderful; it was great to see a Broadway performance so close to Culver.”

In the past, the program offered four events each year. This year, the

Gignilliat added two faculty-only events to the program. Each event includes a cultural outing in Chicago, lunch in a Chicago restaurant with the Gignilliat, and a box dinner for the bus trip back to Culver. Previous events included The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Art Institute of Chicago, *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Crucible*, and the Hubbard Street Dance Company.

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