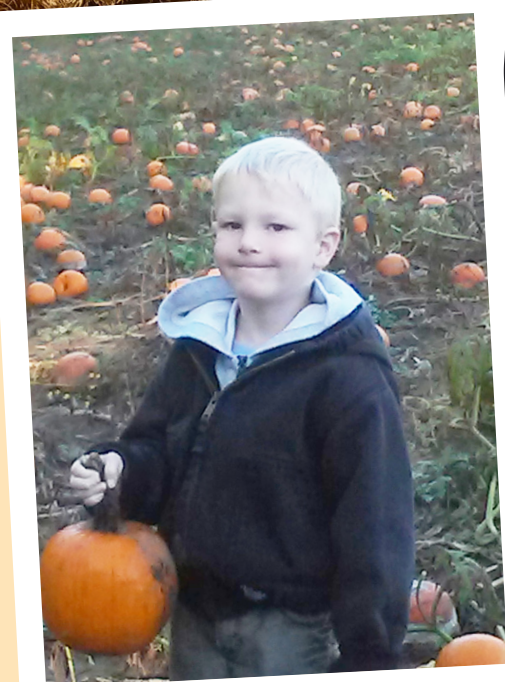




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In Brief

Community meal at St. Mary's tonight

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Thursday, Oct. 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Trick-of-Treating Friday

The Town of Culver's Halloween Trick-or-Treating is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31, at 5 p.m. The town of Monterey's trick-of-treating will also take place Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Miller's Trick or Treating Friday

Miller's Merry Manor senior care center will be open to the public for Trick or Treating on Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 5 p.m.

CBC Trick or Treating Friday

Culver Bible Church will host a Trick-or-Treat Friday night from 5 to 7 p.m. Drop by any time during those hours for treats, hot dogs, and drinks. The church is located at 718 S. Main Street.

VFW Halloween party Friday

Culver VFW Post 6919, at 108 E. Washington St., will host a Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 31, with dinner served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. (consisting of prime rib, potato, salad, and rolls). Dinner is \$15, and the party begins afterwards. Included will be a DJ, karaoke, and a "Best Costume" contest with prizes. The public is welcome.

Haunted house open Friday

The haunted house at the Culver beach lodge, with staffing from volunteers with the Culver Community High School CAVS Club Culver Beard Club, returns Halloween

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Wesley fun at Yellow River Farms

ABOVE: Youngsters from Wesley Preschool visited Yellow River Farms last week, where they engaged in a variety of fall fun activities, from the ever-popular straw maze (LEFT) to the barrel train (CENTER, with Summer and Holly Good in the barrels at left, and Kolton Howard in the barrel at right), to choosing their own pumpkins at the pumpkin patch, following a hayride to the patch (that's Nicholas Schouten with his pumpkin choice, at RIGHT). Wesley Preschool meets weekdays (depending upon age) at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver.

Monterey hardware store hearkens back to its legacy of small-town service and style



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Lawrence and Diana Loehmer (right), owners of Loehmer's Do-it-Best hardware in Monterey, alongside longtime employee Charlie Osborn.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When Culver's century-plus-year-old local hardware closed in 2013, the community collectively felt the blow of the loss of local, hometown service and convenience. Loehmer's Do It Best hardware in Monterey, then, just might be a welcome alternative to "big box" options, and one much closer to home for Culverites seeking that necessary part in a hurry -- or more, for that matter.

Lawrence and Diana Loehmer purchased the hardware, on Monterey's Main Street, on Jan. 2, 1996, from longtime owners Jack and Carol Master, and since then they've expanded the services and selection of the store to meet a wide area of regional needs for those preferring not to make the trek to larger communities some miles away. That makes the store part hardware, part appliance store, part farm store, and even something of a low-level grocery and all around general store (the grocery store next door closed its doors in Jan., 2011, so the hardware now carries staple items local residents may need such as milk, break, and eggs, among others).

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Hardware store has long, storied past

The fact that a trip to Loehmer's Do-It-Best hardware in Monterey feels like a trip back in time is no coincidence; in a way, it is a trip back in time.

According to a notice in the Aug. 15, 1918 Monterey Herald newspaper, Joseph E. and John Marbaugh -- who had been raised "in the country" near Monterey -- started their hardware business in 1891, "where Frank Hartman's barber shop is now located." They then moved to what would later become the A.A. Fitz general store building (on the north side of Main Street), where their business stayed the next 15 years, until they moved into the present hardware building, which they had already constructed for that purpose. A photo appearing in the 2005 Monterey Annual compiled by Ruth Keller Zehner shows the construction of the building underway in 1894 (The grocery store next door dates to around 1905).

The hardware building, said the article, had 24,000 feet of floor space, which itself quickly proved inadequate, so a warehouse was

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Culver council candidates square off at Nov. 4 election

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

Three candidates for two vacant seats on Culver's town council will square off at the polls on Nov. 4 at the Culver train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive. A third council seat, that of present council member Bill Githens, will be filled by a party appointment as Githens will take up his elected position on the Marshall County council in January.

Two of the three candidates -- current council member Sally Ricciardi and Dave Beggs -- were selected in August at the town's Republican caucus, while the third, Joel R. Samuelson, is running as an independent.

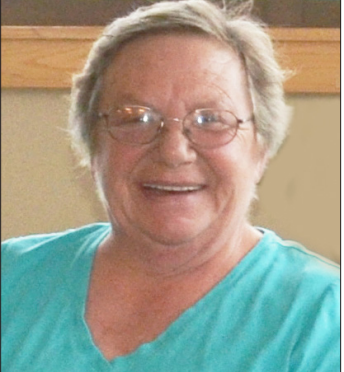
As the election is drawing near, following is more information about each candidate.

Joel R. Samuelson has been a resident of Culver for most of his life. He graduated from Indiana University Bloomington and "have had the good fortune during that time to spend a year abroad at the University of Kent in Canterbury England," he says. "The experience of univer-

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Dave Beggs



Sally Ricciardi



Joel Samuelson

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Felling a giant

One of the largest and oldest trees in town went the way of all flesh last week when it was removed alongside a handful of other trees designated for removal after an extensive survey of the Culver town park's trees conducted by the Culver tree commission. A professional arborist contracted by the commission denoted several trees which posed immediate dangers to people or property due to their age and condition.

Some perspective as to the size of the tree, which was undoubtedly hundreds of years old, may be gained by noting the two figures at the right of its pieces are among the workers assisting in its removal.





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Early Trick-or-Treaters

LEFT: Children in Culver's Wesley Preschool got a foretaste of Halloween last week when they took part in the annual daytime Trick-or-Treating at assorted downtown-area businesses and other entities.

They're pictured here on the steps of the Culver Public Library, which was one of their stops along with the town hall, police station, post office, and a number of small businesses.

Culver Comm. Schools plans Nov. 19 strategic planning session with the public

Culver Community Schools will hold a strategic planning kick-off on Wed., November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Community High School. This will be an informative meeting in regards to the process that will soon begin. Everyone is invited and strongly encouraged to attend: community members, business owners and employees, parents, students, School Board, people with experience or talents in various areas, all staff.

"A strategic plan is simply a road map to the future," according to Dr. Vicki McGuire, superintendent of Culver Comm. Schools. "If we are all going different directions with nothing documented, we will not have common goals for students and the school community. In other words, we may be successful in our individual efforts, but as a team all going the same way, we will be even more successful and can move CCSC forward with more force and ease."

A strategic plan is not something the superintendent can do alone and proceed to mandate the changes, adds McGuire. Instead, it's a group effort.

Teacher Peggy Arquette and Guidance Counselor Missy Trent will be assisting in the presentation. After the presentation, attendees will be asked to complete a small questionnaire in regards to how the school can improve. See School page 11

Hardware from page 1

The store even carries oxygen and acetylene refill tanks.

"We try to carry the things we know farmers will need, like chain link fence, grade 5 bolts -- even some grade 8 bolts that even Lowe's doesn't carry, since it's a niche market," says Diana Loehmer.

And one asset to the store's offerings has been the availability of between 60,000 and 85,000 items available for order in person and via the hardware's website (loehmers.doitbest.com), from a warehouse from which delivery makes the item available within a few days. Orders difficult to fit in a customer's vehicle can be delivered, including to Culver, she adds.

She emphasizes the store's wares range from a variety of items contractors would need, to everyday hardware items and services like key grinding, pipe threading, and paint mixing, to a huge array of nuts, bolts, and nails (housed in an entire wall full of vintage, wooden drawers).

The store is "evolving in the water (and plumbing) market," says Diana, and has added an



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY
Loehmer's hardware in Monterey evokes its long and storied history in structure and decor. The old hardwood floors remain intact (UPPER LEFT), and the Loehmer's have intentionally utilized nostalgic display items from the store's own history such as the rod container at UPPER RIGHT.

A wall full of screws, nails, and other items preserves antique wooden drawers from days gone by (LEFT).

area of Pex piping and its related tools and fittings to its stock, and a large selection of electrical fittings can be found as well.

On hand is a full supply of farm-related feed items, and chickens, ducks, and turkeys can even be ordered (and among the grocery items are tri-color, certified organic eggs supplied by an area farmer).

She adds that the store sells ADS field tile, "which has been going very well, and we're grateful for that."

Another range of items which have recently been taken off, according to Diana, is the sale of appliances. Part of that is likely that delivery -- and removal of the old appliance -- is part of the service, and she says the store keeps a log of all the appliances it's sold, so customers can receive service on them for years after purchase (www.whr.com is the website from which the store's appliances can be ordered, with arrival usually in around a week, and often at a cost a bit under the retail price listed there).

Part of the "total package" offered by the store relates to Lawrence Loehmer's background in maintenance (he was an all-around maintenance man

and group leader at Torx in Rochester). Besides installing and servicing appliances sold at the store, he also installs another new addition to the store: popular Generac whole house generators, which provide critical power when electricity is unexpectedly lost.

"We've been continually growing as we added into the market," Diana comments. "The market is ever-changing, so you have to be prepared to go ahead and make those changes with it."

One major, very recent change is the purchase of the former grocery store next door, which the Loehmer's bought in June. They're at work on expanded office space in the newly-purchased building, which will facilitate using the hardware store space presently occupied by their office. There will also be considerable space for added storage.

One of the most appealing aspects of the store is that, while the Loehmers continue to strive to keep up with a decidedly 21st century market, the store retains a feel that can only be called nostalgic. That's reflected in the very walls and floor of the place -- which at least seem largely unchanged from decades past -- to the small-town feel regarding customer service (many who drop in to make a purchase are on a first-name basis with the staff).

Besides the Loehmer's, another institution at the hardware is one with a Culver connection. Charlie Osborn, who grew up in Culver, started there in 2000, and assists in repair work at the store. He and the Loehmers appear to be in near-constant motion, heading between the sales desk, office, and back area, where Diana points to a hand-pulley (that is, with no motor) elevator to the building's upstairs and basement, another feature harkening back to days of yore.

Upstairs, she says, was once an apartment and dance hall. They once uncovered an old campaign poster for a Thomas W. Davis up there -- when Diana looked him up, she learned he was 57 years old (considerably older than he looks on the poster) in 1912!

The Loehmer's approach to business, Lawrence says, is admittedly something of a lost art.

"When we bought it, (previous owners) Jack and Carol had 32 years of community service. When you own a hardware it's not just a job. People call you at home with an emergency or whatever. Our strongest selling point is, if you want to fix something we have most of what you need."

"And," he adds, "repairing and fixing is just something I like to do."

Loehmer's Do-it-Best is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8 to 4. Besides availability on the web at loehmers.doitbest.com, the Loehmers may be contacted via email at lloehmer@centurylink.net. The store's phone number is 574-542-2081.

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New Emmanuel pastor brings diverse experience (including of Culver) to the table



Rev. Tom Richards

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After several months without an official pastor at the helm, the pulpit at Culver's Emmanuel United Methodist Church (on South Main Street) is now occupied by Rev. Tom Richards, who brings an unusual background to the position.

Richards, who grew up in Wabash, Ind., is not a stranger to Culver, either. He served as a counselor at Culver's Woodcraft Camp during college (when he played basketball for Tennessee State University). He also served as a police officer in Wabash for many years, prior to he and his wife (they've been married 38 years, he notes, and have six children and 10 grandchildren) started a local contract cleaning business with a squeegee cleaning a doctor's office, which grew to 75 employees in five cities.

"I was saved in 1978 at a church in Marion," explained Richards. "I felt the Lord was calling me to

something, but I ran as fast as I could to get away from Him. One day I was driving across the state of Ohio and I just broke down crying. I said, 'Okay, Lord, what do you want me to do?' And He led me to where I am now."

Richards already had plenty of life experience under his belt by then. In fact, he graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University at age 61, and was subsequently ordained a Wesleyan pastor (like his predecessor, the late Pastor Ron Lewellan, Richards was not ordained in the United Methodist Church, so Emmanuel had to obtain special permission from the United Methodist Conference for him to serve here). Richards then served his first church for 10 years.

In fact, Richards is pastor of a church in Richland Center (in Fulton County), so he joins other local clergy (at Grace United Church of Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church, as well as Poplar Grove and Mt. Hope United Methodist Churches) in presiding over more than one service, in more than one community, each Sunday morning.

"I come to Culver first," he explains, "and then drive to Richland Center."

All this while living in Wabash, giving him quite the weekly commute.

"I enjoy it," he says of Emmanuel church, which has been without a pastor since Lewellan died unexpectedly last spring. "I like the people. I'm pleased to be there."



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Library news

CUTPL November board meeting change of date

The board of directors of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold its November meeting Tuesday, November 11, rather than Tuesday, November 18 (as originally scheduled), at 7 p.m. in the large meeting room. The December Board meeting will be held on its regularly scheduled date, Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

Gandhi in focus at book-film club

A Novel Approach, the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book/film group will meet Wednesday, November 5 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book will be "Gandhi, The Man" by Eknath Easwaran. This true description of a small modest man reads like fiction but the photos prove it to be very real. His nonviolence protests have been used by other leaders to bring about justice for a down trodden people.

The film, "Gandhi," stars Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, Trevor Howard, John Mills. The movie is the winner of eight Academy Awards, including 1982 Best Picture.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

Free computer classes in November

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., in November. Classes include Computers for Beginners (Nov. 3 and 7), which covers basic computer usage, plus Internet for Beginners (Nov. 10 and 14), which covers basic Internet usage. Technology Training (Nov. 17 and 21) offers training in all things technology related. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet or other device to learn and ask questions.

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Library seeking proposals for snow and ice removal

The Culver-Union Township Public Library Board of Trustees is requesting proposals for snow/ice removal in the parking lot at the Library located at 107 North Main Street, Culver, IN 46511.

Forms are available at the Library (Circulation Desk), on the Library's website (www.culver.lib.in.us/snowremoval.pdf) or by email request (director@culver.lib.in.us). All proposals must be submitted on this bid form.

Proposals must be received by Nov. 7 no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern Time), and will be considered at the library's regular November board of trustees meeting (November 11 at 7 p.m. EST). All properly submitted proposals will be available for public inspection the day after vendor selection. The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

VFW Men's Auxiliary CJFL support

LEFT: The Culver VFW Men's Auxiliary was one of the Culver Jr. Football League's top sponsors this year. The Auxiliary donated \$750 this year to ensure that local young football players had the proper equipment and updated football jerseys and pants.

Pictured ABOVE are members of the team with Auxiliary members at the check donation.

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constructed at the Erie railroad tracks "to house the overflow of goods."

The brothers' capital at the start of their venture, according to the Herald, was \$900, and in 1918 the business sold (more on that shortly) for \$30,000.

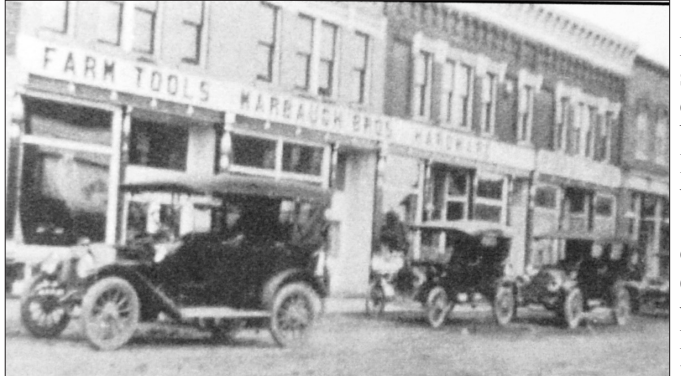
The article also made note of the many supportive enterprises in which the brothers engaged in the Monterey community, and how much support the townspeople gave them.

One early mention of the hardware was an advertisement in the April 7, 1893 "Rochester Sentinel" newspaper as having in stock "McCormick Binders and Mowers, Gibbs Plows, Brown Cultivators, Studebaker Wagons, Solid Comfort Riding Plows, and all kinds of Shelf Hardware. Also a full line of Top Buggies and Bicycles."

Marbaugh Brothers, in fact, was said to be the largest hardware store in Pulaski County for many years.

There's an early Culver connection to the store, too. In October, 1904, the Cook Bros hardware of Culver sold its hardware stock to Marbaugh Bros. of Monterey, taking in part payment a 120-acre farm one-half mile north of Monterey.

Wrote the Culver Citizen at the time: "The stock was invoiced Wednesday, and Mr. V. E. Follmar, who has been with Marbaugh Bros for the past year, has been placed in charge until definite arrangements are made. If they conclude to carry on the business themselves, which is quite likely, one of the Marbaughs will move to Culver. Frank and Will Cook have not decided what they will do. But in whatever venture they may embark the people of this



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TOP PHOTO: The Marbaugh Brothers' hardware store building (the present Loehmer's Do-It-Best) in Monterey under construction in 1894 (the spire of St. Anne's Catholic Church is visible in the background).

LOWER PHOTO: The Marbaugh Brothers' storefront in the early 1900s.

AT RIGHT: An engraving of the store included in a 1918 Monterey Herald article describing the sale of the business.

community, we feel sure will wish them the best of success."

In fact, the Citizen reported later that month that, "if everything is found satisfactory the new firm, Marbaugh Bros., of Monterey, will take charge of the business.

"The Cook Brothers' stock has been invoiced," continued the notice, addressing those with accounts at the former Cook Bros. hardware, "and before said stock is turned over to Marbaugh Bros., it is requested that, you send an itemized statement of your account to both Marbaugh Bros., of Monterey, Ind., and Frank Cook, of Culver. Ind."

The Citizen doesn't report on what happened, specifically, but if the Culver hardware became a Marbaugh Brothers operation, it wasn't for long. By 1906, O.T. Goss was in charge, and operated the store for the next 37 years until was sold to Paul Snyder, father of Bill Snyder who sold it to its last owner.

The Marbaugh brothers could fill a story unto themselves. In 1905, for example, the Monterey Sun reported that a hardware store and stock that the brothers had purchased as far away as Ohio had burned down. Whether the brothers intended to open a store there, or merely subsume the hardware stock for their Monterey operation isn't clear, but it's clear that Marbaugh Brothers was more than a tiny mom-and-pop hardware operation.

The brothers also ran an implement business separate

from their hardware store proper; the Citizen reported the implement operation was sold to W.A. Beldon in August, 1907.

In March, 1915, the Monterey newspaper reported that the Marbaugh Brothers hardware had installed a rather innovative free lunch counter in their store, which was understandably proving quite popular.

After 21 years in business, the Marbaugh Brothers sold their hardware to George Wareham from Denham, Indiana, in August of 1918. The Herald article notes that part of the payment for the business was 325 acres of land and stock valued at \$12,000 near Burlington, Wisconsin.

In 1927, Ed Master purchased the store, and in 1956, his sons Rudy and Jack Master bought it. In 1964, Jack and Carol Master took over, eventually selling it in 1996 to the Loehmers. Historical data collected at the Monterey Public Library notes that the Master family, through the years, built many of the homes in Monterey today, with Ed -- and later his son Karl -- at the helm, and eventually Karl Jr (Bud) coming on as well.

Lawrence Loehmer was working maintenance at Torx in Rochester just before the couple bought the hardware, and it wasn't a decision made lightly.

"We talked about it," says Diana Loehmer. "We didn't want the town to go without a hardware store."

Lawrence, in fact, lost his hand the day after Thanksgiving in 1995, just a matter of weeks before the purchase in January of '96, making it "a big transition time for us," according to Diana.

They continued to work their full-time jobs, in fact, until the store was paid off. And of course since then, it's become a full-time job unto itself, though it's one the couple is happy to do.



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Culver through the years

The haunting of Argonne Barracks?



Argonne and Chateau-Thierry Barracks at Culver Academies in the 1920s.

If Washington Irving's fictional hamlet of Sleepy Hollow "abounds with local tales, haunted spots, and twilight superstitions," as the text of the famous tale of the headless horseman suggests, we in Culver must admit, each Halloween that that's not so much the case here.

Our most famous (and historic) ghost story, of course, is that of Potawatomi Chief Pau-Koo-Shuck, whose ghostly form many early settlers swore haunted the Long Point area and surrounding shores.

In 2007, your editor reported on the alleged ghost of a young boy supposedly killed in the old Medbourn ice house at the site of [See Haunting page 6](#)

Some *rea*/Halloween horror

So another Halloween will be all but upon us when most readers see this column, and I couldn't resist jotting down some thoughts, within the context of scary tales and figures, about some of their modern implications.

Much of this grows from something I was privvy to recently regarding Dracula and the whole vampire "genre," for lack of a better term -- movies, books, and television shows. The original, 1897 "Dracula" novel by Bram Stoker, of course, was far removed from most of what we see connected with vampires today, which is part of an interesting undercurrent I'd like to bite into (haw haw) here.

For Stoker, Dracula was a demonic presence, an evil inversion, actually, of the classical Christian motif of Christ as the giver of blood to restore life (both by dying on the cross and, for the earliest Christians and many Christians today, His ongoing feeding of humanity with His body and blood in the sacrament of Communion), to Dracula instead as a "taker" of blood for his own self-preservation and edification, leaving his victims not in a state of eternal life, but endless, "undead" death.

There was nothing remotely attractive about the demon Dracula to Stoker, who specifically depicts the use of Catholic sacramentals like the crucifix, and the sacred host used in Holy Communion (an interesting choice of direction for Stoker, a Protestant writer) as two of the keys necessary to defeat the vampire.

A recurring theme in Stoker's novel, interestingly, is the initial skepticism of many of those involved in the situation, a skepticism born largely of an imbalanced infatuation with scientific materialism. In other words, most characters initially doubt the very existence of the supernatural, let alone a physical manifestation of evil itself like Dracula.

It's telling, then, to ponder the changes wrought to the vampire myth in more recent decades (say, the past 50 years). If Stoker's novel is a reflection of its times (part of his intention was clearly to inject a sense of the reality of the supernatural and the presence of both evil and good, into the unsuspecting minds of his late Victorian era readers), so too are the many vampire movies and television shows of today.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

Consider one of the earliest (and considered by many to be one of the most classical, though still far away from many of the themes of the novel) movie versions of the tale, the German silent film, "Nosferatu," in which the vampire character is almost startlingly ugly and horrific in appearance. Contrast that with today's "Twilight" movies,

which are really only the latest recasting of vampires as attractive, sympathetic, even *romantic* characters -- though by far not the first.

Even by the 1950s and '60s, Christopher Lee's far less horrifying vampires had appeared on the big screen, though the films back then still retained the basic themes of good versus evil (crucifixes, for example, continued to be employed to fight the monster, retaining some continuity with the earlier outlook of the story).

And after all, one classical Judeo-Christian motif has long been that people -- being basically wired for attraction to the good, the true, and the beautiful -- are compelled by what they *perceive* to be a good, rather than an obvious, undeniable evil (even pre-Christian philosopher Aristotle remarked that no person could choose evil for any length of time without either experiencing remorse and repentance, or else convincing those around him to validate him in his choices through and through -- a notion borne out a great deal in many of the hot socio-political issues of today).

So it's fair enough to assume that the sophisticated, modern vampire would cloak himself in a guise of attractiveness, rather than overt, ugly evil (though ugly appearances associated with evil beings in myths and fairy tales were always meant to be symbolic rather than literal anyway -- all children once knew that, even if modern literature professors do not!).

The more disturbing -- dare I say frightening -- shift in the world of vampire depictions of more recent decades, however, goes well beyond portraying evil beings disguised in handsome form.

Instead, the vampire of today is a sympathetic victim of bad circumstance...in fact, a great, tragic, romantic figure. In some contemporary vampire stories, the basic [See View page 8](#)

Carbohydrates: not a good investment

I opened my first savings account back in 1973 when I was ten years old. A whopping \$25 was deposited; a large



Heartbeats and Footprints

By Dana Neer

a m o u n t of cash when you consider almost all of my income came from systematically

collecting 5 cent and 10 cent empty coke bottles littered along the railroad tracks and store alleys of my small town. I consider myself an early entrepreneur. I made a total of thirty- six more deposits through my senior year of high school, accumulating money by advancing to the more lucrative jobs like landscaping, hay baling and corn detassling.

I like how investments work. I appreciate the idea that money is generating money while active in an account. But, when it comes to nutrition, the entire concept takes on new meaning, specifically when it comes to carbohydrates. Our bodies are not like a bank. Carbohydrates and compounding interest do not mix well.

Carbohydrates are good for you, and necessary for energy and good health, if taken in the right amounts. However, if you consume too many, and do not use them up, they are directly deposited into your body and stored, causing weight gain.

If you love breads, pastas and rice, do not lose hope.

Instead, alter your diet by considering these five carbohydrate tips.

1. Carbohydrates are the most common source of energy found in food. They are broken down into glucose, which is very important for daily energy.

2. There are two types of carbohydrates: Simple and Complex. Simple carbs that are good for you are fruit (sugar). Simple carbs that are bad for you are refined sugar in candy and other desserts, which we can enjoy, but should be limited. Complex carbs are starches like brown rice, pasta, bread and oatmeal.

3. Carbohydrates work in the body by being broken down into sugars. Through various transport systems, they eventually end up in the bloodstream and converted into energy. As you know, we need energy to live with vitality and focus.

4. Here is the potential problem: If more carbohydrates are consumed than needed, the body stores them up in the form of fat. So, if you are exercising on a daily basis for at least thirty minutes, plus living an active lifestyle, you will probably “use up” all the carbs and not gain weight. If you eat breads, pastas and other grains, but do not exercise enough, your weight will likely increase.

5. You need carbohydrates to live a healthy life. But if you want to lose weight, my suggestion would be to cut back on wheat products and refined sugar, and either start or continue exercising. Within a few months, you will be able to regulate what your carbohydrate intake should be to keep your energy level high, without putting on unwanted weight.

Stocks, bonds, banks and other investments agencies are good for your financial portfolio, but when it comes to your body, saving up carbohydrates can result in a bad return. The draw usually “outweighs” the deposit.

Dana Neer serves as Wellness Coordinator and Counselor at The Culver Academies. He can be contacted at Dana.Neer@culver.org.

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Eagles win thriller with Tippy Valley, 27-26

By Kyle Hilliard
Correspondent

CULVER — The CMA Eagles won a thriller over the Tippecanoe Valley Vikings, 27-26, stopping a two-point conversion inches short with only 0:29 remaining to seal the deal at Oliver Field Friday.

“I am really proud of the resolve that our kids showed tonight,” said CMA coach Andy Dorrel. “It was a long season for us with injuries and the same for Tippy Valley. Both teams just battled. I could not be more proud of our kids. We had to make one more play, and we did it tonight.”

Valley opened the game from their own 37 and drove it the length of the field. On third and goal, the Vikings tried to run it up the middle and got stuffed for a 2-yard loss. On the next play, the Eagles gave those yards back as they jumped offsides. The Vikings took advantage as sophomore quarterback Alec Craig kept it on the read option play and scored around the right side of the line. Valley failed the two-point try and led 6-0 at the 5:08 mark in the first quarter.

Neither team was able to do much with it on their next few possessions. Valley had the ball at their own 43 on fourth and 1 and decided to go for it with 3:00 remaining in the half. The Eagles stopped the fourth down run in the backfield, taking over on the Valley 42. Five plays later, senior Jesse Brownfield ran it in on a quarterback scramble, tying the game at six with 1:02 left in the half.

CMA received the second half kick. On third and two from their own 45, Brownfield was pressured and on the run, looking for anywhere to throw the ball. After reversing directions, he finally found fellow senior Colin Dean, who took it to the house, giving CMA a 13-6 lead. On their next drive, Brownfield led them down the field, going 4-for-4 for 60 yards on the drive. He finally hooked up with junior Wheaton Jackoboice to give the Eagles a commanding 20-6 lead at the 6:00 mark of the third quarter.

Valley would not go away quietly. On their ensuing possession, they went 65 yards in six plays. The drive was capped off with a pass from Craig to Jonah Mikel. After the failed conversion, they now trailed 20-12. CMA fumbled on their first play of the drive, giving the Vikings the ball back at their own 43. Seven plays later, the Vikings hit pay dirt on a Garrett Bell run. With the successful two-point conversion, the game was tied at 20-20 with 11:56 remaining in the game.

Culver went three and out and Valley got to the Culver 47 on their next drive. Facing a third and 6, the Vikings went with a trick play.

They ran a reverse to receiver Brandon Webster who then tried to pass it back to the quarterback Craig near the first down marker. Culver senior Daniel Prescott broke up the pass, otherwise it would have been trouble for the Eagles because there was a lot of empty green grass between Craig and the end zone.

After the punt, Culver took over at their own 14. The drive stalled at the 41 with a third and 10. Then the Eagles pulled out one of the oldest tricks in the book — the hook and lateral. Jackoboice caught the 8-yard pass and then pitched it to junior David Pumarejo who was already at full speed, and

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Oct. 17 football games marked end of NSC

By Doug Griffiths
Staff writer

Oct. 17 marked the end of the high school football regular season and also the end of the Northern State Conference in football, a conference that’s more than half a century old.

The eight-team NSC will dissolve as four teams - New Prairie, Glenn, Bremen and Jimtown - will join the Northern Indiana Conference and begin NIC play in the 2015-16 school year. The other four NSC mem - bers -- Culver, Knox, Triton and LaVille -- will join the newly-configured Hoosier North Athletic Conference, which won’t have a school with more than an enrollment of 600 in it.

It will also feature Caston, North Judson, Pioneer, West Central and Winamac. The NSC began to crum - ble in 2013 when Knox and Culver announced they would be departing after this school year. Triton and LaVille followed suit.

The original NSC lasted from 1954-63 and consisted of Delphi, Knox, Morocco, North Judson and Rensselaer Central. Bremen joined in 1958 as did Baugo Township (now known as Jimtown) and Washington-Clay (South Bend Clay).

After a few years hiatus, the NSC restarted in 1966, featuring Glenn, Jimtown, LaVille, New Carlisle and North Liberty. In 1968, New Prairie joined and a year later Fairfield (Goshen) did (only to drop out in 1980).

Culver followed in 1977, Triton in 1980, Knox in 1982 and finally Bremen in 1989. Last spring, the NIC voted unanimously to expand, adding Bremen, Jimtown, New Prairie and Glenn, meaning the NIC will boast 13 member schools beginning in 2015-16.

For football, the NIC will feature two divisions – north and south. The NIC north division will consist of Penn, Elkhart Central, Mishawaka, South Bend St. Joseph, and South Bend Clay and Adams. The NIC south division will feature Bremen, Jimtown, Glenn, Marian, New Prairie, Washington and Riley.

Cavs fall short in effort to topple undefeated Whiting

By Marlo Anderson



PHOTO/KAREN LEE PHOTOGRAPHY

Culver Comm. High School's Preston Hansel takes flight with the ball during Friday night's game against Whiting.

The Culver Comm. High School Cavaliers traveled to Whiting, Indiana last Friday night in hopes of accomplishing something no other team has during the 2014 season: defeat the Whiting Oilers. Their mission fell a bit short, as Whiting defeated Culver 21- 13.

After falling behind 21-0 in the first half, Culver's defense shut down Whiting the rest of the game and almost completed a furious rally that ended in deep in Whiting territory.

Preston Hansel had a short touchdown run and completed a laser touchdown pass to Cody Valiquet to cut the lead to eight.

With 17 seconds left in the 4th quarter, Culver was driving for a game-tying touchdown but Whiting intercepted Hansel's pass to hold off the Cavaliers’ final push.

Culver finished the season at 2-8, while Whiting travels to Winamac on Halloween in a battle of undefeated teams.

CMA’s Concannon takes second in state tennis finals

By Jan Garrison
Culver Academies



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Culver Military Academy's Sam Concannon in a recent photo by Paul Paré. Concannon took second place last weekend at the state tennis finals in Indianapolis.

Sam Concannon, the No. 1 singles tennis player for Culver Military Academy, won his quarterfinal match over Bloomington South’s Will Piekarsky in three sets Friday afternoon the individual state tennis tournament this weekend at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis. Pierkarsky is 18-5 (13-5, 5-0). Just eight No. 1 singles players and six No. 1 doubles teams play in the individual state tournament.

Concannon dropped the first set in a tiebreaker, 6-7 (3), then came back to win the next two sets 6-0, 6-4.

Concannon moved to the individual tournament after he won his state quarterfinal match against Delta’s Joe Wegner, 6-0, 6-2. The Eagles lost the team competition, though, 4-1. Based on his record, Concannon received the No. 2 seed in the individual tournament.

Concannon (23-0) will now play Northeastern’s Grant Esposito (26-2) in the state individ-

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ual semifinal match at 10 a.m. Saturday. The match will be played at Park Tudor. The state individual championship match will be played at 2 p.m.

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The ceremony continued with the singing of Treasured Memory and Culver Daughters Sing Thy Praise, the distribution of the Mary Frances England Pin, and the Passing of the Light and Recessional for New Girls. At RIGHT, CGA student Helen Johnston is pictured participating in that ceremony. Portions of this article are excerpted from an article by Ian Garrison on www.culver.org.

TV – Jonah Mikel 12 pass from Craig. Pass failed, 3:19.
Fourth Quarter
TV – Garrett Bell 7 run. Mikel pass from Craig, 11:56.
CMA – Jackoboice 8 pass from Brownfield, lateral to David Pumarejo for
51 run. Winchester kick, 7:07.
TV – Jared Littlejohn 20 pass from Craig. Run failed, 0:29.
Team Stats
CMA
Rushing: 18-123; David Puarejo 4-63, Rune Kirby 9-56
Passing: Jesse Brownfield 18-24-222 2 TD
Receiving: Ryan Hallenbeck 5-62, Rayford Dexter-El 2-27, Colin Dean 1-55
Fumbles-Lost: 2-1
Penalties: 11-83
TV
Rushing: 50-238; Garrett Bell 23-140, Aaron Hoffman 8-29, Alec Craig
8-24, Jarred Littlejohn 7-20
Passing: Alec Craig 9-13-76 1 TD
Receiving: Littlejohn 2-22, Bell 2-20, Brandon Webster 3-19
Fumbles-Lost: 0-0
Penalties: 1-13

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First Farmers Bank & Trust is a regional leader in agricultural and community banking in the Midwest, and has a branch in Culver. As of June 30, First Farmers had \$1.2 billion in assets and operated 27 community bank branches in Indiana and Illinois. The combined assets of the banks are currently \$165 million and the transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2015, subject to regulatory approval and other customary conditions.

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would like to see more people succeed in district, state, and national level. Whether or not they go into a business career, he hopes they can use what they learned in BPA and apply it in college and in years to come.

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in The Caval Crier, Culver Comm. High School's monthly newspaper, and is reprinted here by permission of faculty sponsor Vickie Benner.

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night in the beach lodge's lower level, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Balanced calendar mtg Nov. 3

A meeting regarding the possibility of adopting a "balanced calendar" schedule at Culver Comm. Schools will be held Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m., in the Culver Comm. High School auditorium. The public is invited to attend, listen, and give input.

'Christmas in Culver' returns Nov. 7-9

The annual "Christmas in Culver," which encourages shopping at local businesses prior to "Black Friday's" rush at non-local retailers (besides offering an array of activities and discounts) is slated for Friday through Sunday, Nov. 7 through 9. Participating Culver merchants will hold special "open house" hours and offerings from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (3 p.m. on Sunday) during those days. Special events Saturday include the annual "By the Lake" holiday bazaar offering area artisans, crafts, foods, and more, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive; and Mystic Hills' holiday bazaar, also from 9 to 4, at Mystic Hills golf course on the south shore of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Wesley Preschool scholarship spaghetti dinner Nov. 13

Wesley United Methodist Preschool will hold a spaghetti dinner on Monday, November 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church. Proceeds will go toward sponsorship of students for the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone interested in donating may do so at the church or by contacting Robin Dorey at 616-255-7290.

IOOF breakfast Nov. 15

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows will hold an all you can eat breakfast including biscuit and gravy and pancake and sausage at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. The event will be held Sat., November 15, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Bake sale items support Union Twp. 4-H.

Texas Hold-Em at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 holds Texas Hold-Em tournaments on the second Sunday of each month, with tournaments scheduled for Nov. 9, Dec. 14, and Jan. 11. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver (contact 574-842-3886). Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$50 buy-in (no re-buys) and \$12,000 in chips (25 percent to the house, 75 in the pot). License #129586. The public is welcome.

Beyond Glory' onstage here Nov. 18

"Beyond Glory," starring Stephen Lang, will perform at Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium on Tuesday, No-

vember 18 at 7:30 p.m. The one-man show presents the stories of eight veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. For tickets and additional information, call 574-842-7058.

Bell ringers in Culver needed

The Culver Council of Churches is requesting residents' help this Christmas holiday season. The Salvation Army will have their donation kettles setup at Park N' Shop grocery store on Lake Shore Drive and CVS Drug Store on Ohio Street, in Culver, to collect donations to the Salvation Army.

All donations given at these locations will stay in Culver, and be used in the Culver area.

To receive these donations, the Salvation Army needs volunteers to help as bell ringers at these locations for a one or two hour session on the day or days you are available. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The weekend days where help is needed include: Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 6 and 9, Dec. 13 and 14, Dec. 20 and 21. Please contact Mrs. Jean Rakich to schedule a slot, at 574-842-2725.

Culver leaf pick-up underway

Leaf pick-up in Culver is underway. Leaves should be raked to the curb for pick up, NOT into the street

as this may cause issues

with the storm water drains. Also, please do not mix sticks and branches in the leaves and do not include pumpkins, rocks, etc. Pick-up will continue through December. Please direct any questions to Town Hall, 574-842-3140,

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Property tax calls are scams

Several Culver residents have received phone calls that they owe taxes (property or otherwise) and the police are on their way to serve a warrant, according to town clerk Karen Heim. These calls are a scam. Residents are instructed to not provide any personal information, and instead hang up.

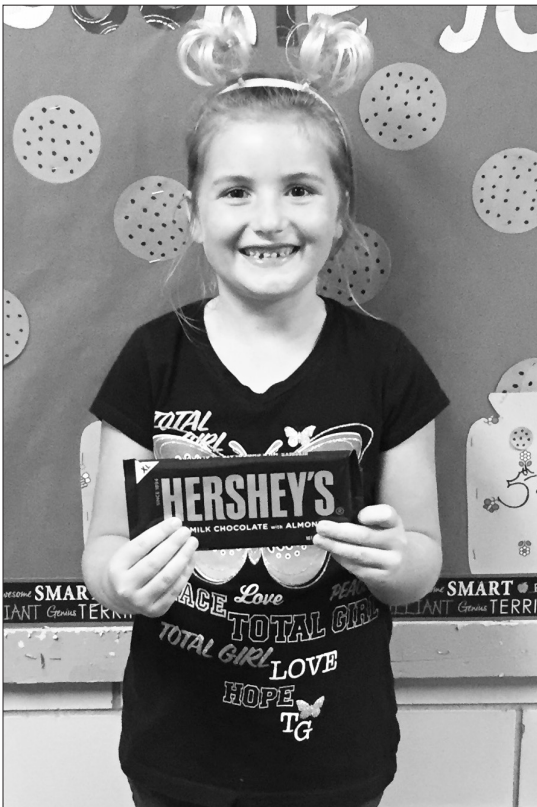


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Summey is CBGC Member of the Month

LEFT: Madison Summey is the Culver Boys & Girls Club's September Member of the Month.

Summey is in kindergarten at Culver Elementary and received the honor for "being incredibly helpful after snack time with clean up as well as being an excellent Power Hour (homework) participant every day," according to CBGC site director Jessye Gilley.

She adds that, "Madison says her favorite thing about Club is hanging out with her friends and doing fun stuff."

Euchre, pinochle club on Fridays

The public is welcome to take part in a new euchre and pinochle club meeting Fridays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Culver Park Beach Lodge, 819 Lake Shore Drive. Have fun playing cards, make new friends, enjoy beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee and our fine restaurants and city.

Fire dept. seeking new firemen

The Culver fire department is seeking individuals interested in serving their community as volunteer firemen. Those interested should contact Culver town hall at 574-842-3140.

Exercise for seniors at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room. For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail dthomas@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

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TOOLS & GARAGE: Remington electric leaf blower; Schumaker fast charge power booster; woodworking bench; toolbox; hand tools; ladder; Wilton vise; Die Hard battery charger; elec. drill bit sharpener; other misc. Items too numerous to mention.

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ABOVE: 10-year-members Michael Skiles and Samantha Howard.



ABOVE, RIGHT: In the Mini category, from left, are Karsen Hoffman, Reese Herrell, and Samantha Howard.



5th year members Samuel Schaller, Hunter Ringer, Maranda Samuelson, Dylan Johnson, and Elizabeth Johnson.



The 4H Alumni Award went to Sandy and Eldon Amor.

Union Twp. 4H-ers recognized

The Union Twp 4-H Banquet was held at the Culver High School Cafeteria on October 19, with 84 in attendance. Following a delicious carry-in, awards were given out. There are 67 members in the Union Twp 4-H Clubs. Recognized, in their respective categories, were:

Mini: Caleb Bowman, Avery Garland, Reese Herrell, Karsen Hoffman, Chloe Kanschat, Aiden Minix, Grace Sieber, Makenna Strycker, Ashley Pugh.

1st year: Trenton Fritter, Alisha Hinds, Esme' Kenney, Cody Peterson, Hailey Shipley.

2nd year: Katie Bowman, Makaila Caudill, Tucker Fisher, Peter Kenney, Ethan Lima, Ethan Miller, Cameron Minix, Lizzie Pugh, Matthew Schaller, Blake Thompson, Auston Zehner.

3rd year: Mary Boland, Owen Clingler, Katie Hoffman, Kaitlyn Kanschat, Wyatt Ringer, Elliott Suarez, Robert Wynn.

4th year: William Baldwin, Hannah Barth, Kailey Beaver, Anna Blocker, Jacob Fisher, Trisha Fritter, Carrie Grossman-Norris, Kagnie Hoffman, Hunter Manns, John Sieber, Alexandria Temme.

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paradigm of Stoker's Dracula as an evil presence to be rejected, is replaced by the human heroine's star-crossed romantic decision to join her beau in eternal "undeadness" (if that's a word) rather than the far more holy eternity implied in Stoker's emphasis on virtue and goodness in opposition to Dracula.

Don't get me wrong. In one sense, the trend towards making characters which have been traditionally used symbolically to depict evil...into three-dimensional, more "human" persons victimized by their circumstances, certainly has some merit (and we've seen it widely used in recent years outside the vampire genre, from the recasting of Oz's wicked witch to a sympathetic character in "Wicked," to a similar approach in last year's "Malificent" movie).

After all, we deal -- here in the real world -- with people, and no person is pure evil. All people do indeed commit evil acts for a reason, perhaps due to some perversion of good intent from themselves or others in their own lives and experiences, and in that sense, all of us are wounded and in need of healing.

But part of the disconcerting reality that these trends -- particularly in the vampire genre -- speak to, is the fact that none of the changes wrought in depictions of fictional villains happen by coincidence...or so I would argue.

We all breathe air almost completely saturated by various philosophical trends growing largely from the Enlightenment of several centuries ago, and Modernism more recently, and one major theme is the notion that good and evil are all relative...or, for that matter, perhaps don't exist at all. Whether something is right or wrong is up to the individual to interpret (no one actually believes this, of course, in the face of all sorts of overwhelming evils;

usually moral relativism applies to people's own perception of their sexual behavior, and almost never issues like murder or property rights).

So it isn't that "humanizing" vampires to make them more complex, three-dimensional figures, would have to be a terrible thing in and of itself. But it's part of a larger trend that denies not only the nature of evil, but that evil even exists.

The vampire, after all, is a character invented purely to symbolize evil to be overcome (and to emphasize the power of good -- and in fact, God -- to overcome it). He is, as Stoker depicted him, a force of evil, pure and simple. He, like so many other mythical figures, is meant to convey the internal struggle between good and evil within all of us. To deny that such things exist is part and parcel of a much broader set of ideas and the rejection of a long-standing set of beliefs and perspectives about the nature and existence of goodness, virtue, and a certain type of self-giving (as opposed to self-serving) love.

Ideas have consequences, and the shift towards the vampire as a great-looking victim of bad circumstance to be viewed as an object of romantic fulfillment isn't just scary because the books and films which do so are inevitably badly written and performed.

After all, it's one type of horror, this Halloween, to meet that which is clearly, obviously horrifying and evil. It's another to fall in love with it because we've been taught that horror and evil don't exist.

With that in mind, I'm as much worried about the state of our society the other 364 days of the year -- with the often truly horrifying messages we're bombarded with -- as I am Halloween.

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Cyclo-cross kicks off

LEFT: The Culver Kiwanis Club's first annual cyclo-cross races took place the Sunday of Fall Fest weekend, Oct. 19, enjoying far better weather than most of the festival saw. The event, which was held on property owned by Culver Academies on Queen Road near State Road 10, drew more than 20 participants from various locations in and out of Indiana, which organizers said was around the number they had aimed for, for the inaugural event.

Cyclo cross races typically involve short races over a variety of terrain and obstacles which require bicyclists to dismount and carry their bikes (as pictured here), and this was no exception.

Taking the top three positions in the "C" race were Pete Greaves, Larry Laynam, and John Kniesly. The top three positions in the "B" race were earned by Jody Jernigan, Ken Glick, and Jeff Hartz. Due to a lack of participants, there was no "A" race.

Funds raised go towards local student scholarships and other youth-related charitable endeavors.

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prove (comments are expected to be provided in good taste). Those in attendance will also be asked to document if they would like to be involved in the committees to be formed.

After teams have been formed, the previously generated comments will be taken into consideration. The plan is to work toward cost containment, marketing the school, maintaining top-notch curriculum, safety, and technology. "I am asking anyone who reads this to attend and bring

at least one person with you," says McGuire. "Become a large part of your school and community. You are always welcome. We look forward to working with the community and bringing all our efforts together for the betterment of students and education.

"We have an outstanding school but all schools have room for improvement, which is why we are always working toward excellence."

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