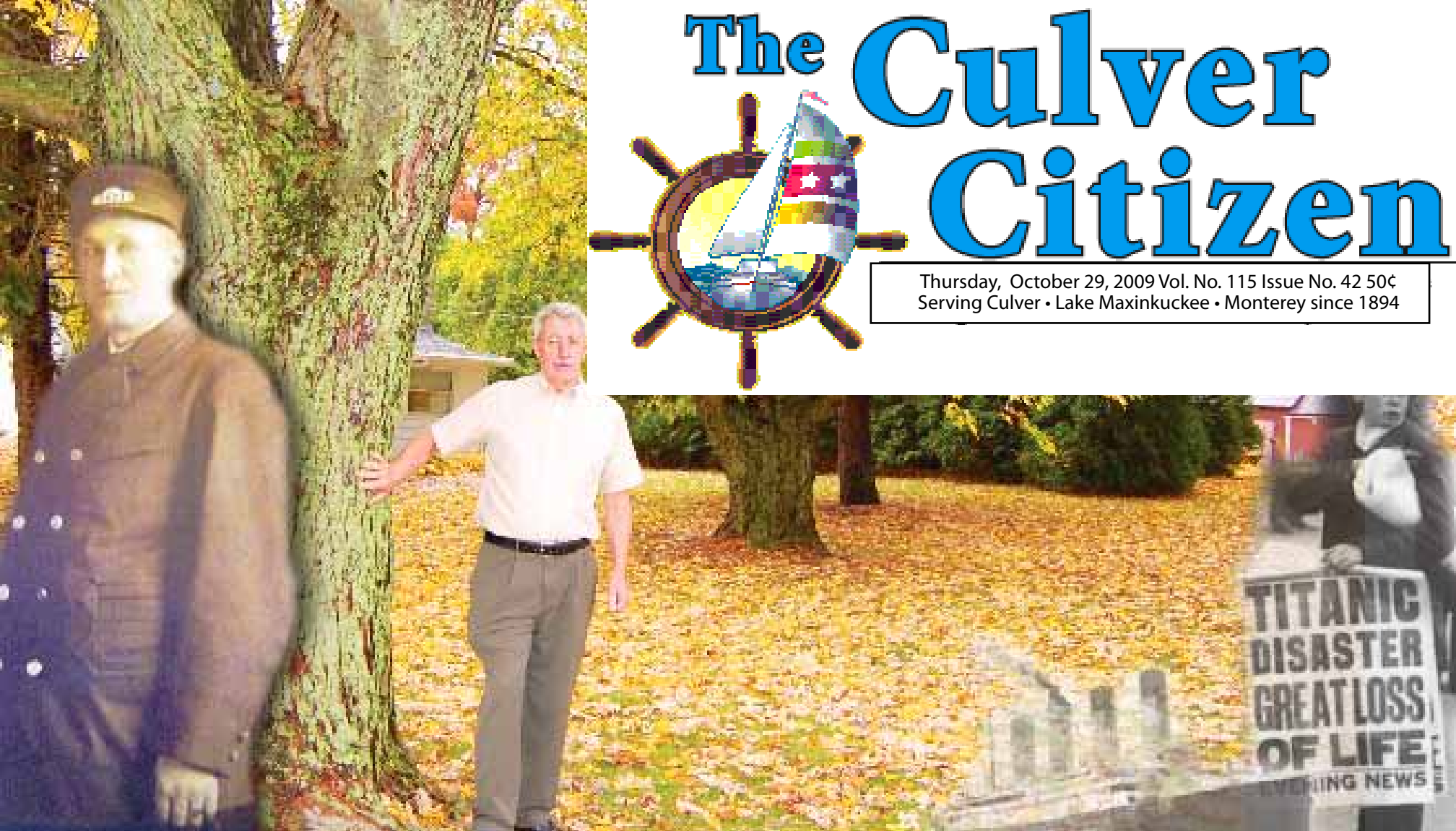


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In Brief

Trick-or-Treating

Halloween Trick-or-Treating in Culver will take place Saturday, October 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lions Halloween Party tonight

The Culver Lions will again sponsor the annual Halloween Party Thursday, October 29 at the Culver Middle School gymnasium. This is a party for anyone in the Culver Community School Corporation. Registration will start at 6 p.m. Costume judging will start at 6:35 p.m. Games will begin at 7 p.m. The judging categories will be: Infant through 3 years old; 4 and 5 year old; 6 and 7 year old; 8 and 9 year old; 10 and up. It is not necessary to be in costume to participate in the games.

End-of-month meal at St. Mary's Oct. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Friday, October 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Fall Harvest Fest at Grace

Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, will host a Fall Harvest Fest for families of the community Sunday, November 1 at 5 p.m. Everyone attending should wear something related to the "fall season" and bring a covered dish. Games and activities for all ages as well as Sloppy Joes and drinks will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Grace UCC Board of Christian Education, which invites everyone to come over and have a great time. Those with questions may contact Wanda Von Ehr at 574-842-4077.

Veteran's Day programs in Culver

Culver Community High and Middle Schools will recognize Veteran's Day Wednesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. in the high school gymnasium with a ceremony, address, music, and

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Trees tell Titanic tale

ABOVE: Dan Weaver, son of Rosemary and the late Allen Weaver of Culver, stands with the four maple trees planted on his family's Culver land as a memorial to the children of Nils Paulson, whose wife and children perished in the April, 1912 sinking of the Titanic ship. Paulson, shown at far left in a photo* taken before his 1946 retirement from trolley work in Chicago and subsequent move to Culver, planted the trees in the early 1950s. He joined Indiana's only Titanic survivor, August Wennerstrom, an employee of Culver Military Academy, in making the town his adopted home. SEE STORY BELOW.

Culver is home to a living Titanic legacy

Culverite and only Indiana survivor of 1912 disaster part of worldwide saga

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Dan Weaver figures he was somewhere between five and eight years old when a teary-eyed, older man with whom he was already familiar through frequent visits with Weaver's father Allen, came to the Weavers' house on Thorn Road in Culver. He remembers the man, huffing and puffing as he worked alongside Dan and his parents, Allen and Rosemary Weaver, to plant four maple trees, six to eight feet tall at the time, in the family's front yard. It was the early 1950s – Dan and his mother Rosemary can't pinpoint the exact year – and the man's accent suggested his status as an immigrant to America some forty years earlier. Dan Weaver says he knew Nils Paulson had lost his wife and children to the

wreck of a ship called the Titanic, "but I didn't realize the connection and the importance of the history of the event. I just knew he had lost his family."

Among its many other results, the April 12, 1912 sinking of the Titanic also connected the lives of Dan Weaver and, hundreds of miles and several states away, the late Nils Paulson's nephew.

That nephew, Edwin "Buddy" Johnson, recalls raising his hand during a high school discussion in his native Louisiana of the Titanic disaster and telling the class he had relatives who died on the ship. "The teacher thought I was telling stories," he says. But Johnson's mother confirmed his father's uncle Nils lost his wife and four children on the ship; John-

son's subsequent report about the family connection finally convinced the teacher.

It's appropriate Johnson's uncle Nils Paulson would be celebrating his 119th birthday this November 2, the traditional day of All Souls in many Christian traditions, were he alive. However, his legacy remains in the maple trees Paulson planted in honor of his deceased family on the Weaver property just outside Culver in the early 1950s.

Paulson, a former coal miner in Sweden, emigrated to the United States around 1910 to work as a trolley car operator in Chicago, saving his money to send for Edwin Johnson's great aunt Alma (his wife) and the couple's children, Torburg Danria (age 8),

Paul Folke (6), Stina Viola (4), and Gosta Leonard (2) to join him at last. As fate would have it, the Paulsons (the family name had been changed from the Swedish Pålsson when coming to America) purchased a third class ticket in the steerage section of the ship, boarding at Southampton, England.

When the ship famously struck an iceberg and lost all but 712 of the 2,435 passengers and 860 crew members, Alma Paulson and the couple's children were among the dead, though for a time a heartbroken Nils entertained hopes one of the surviving, unidentified children might be his. He visited the Chicago offices of the Titanic's White Star Line company begging for information, but finally it was officially concluded

his entire family died in the disaster.

Nils Paulson never got over the loss. He moved to Culver in 1946, after his retirement, marrying another Swedish immigrant, Christina, in Chicago that same year. The couple lived at 605 Williams Street, between School and Plymouth Streets on the north end of Culver, where Nils had a small woodworking shop according to Johnson, who has never been to Culver but always wanted to see the house and especially the trees Paulson planted as a monument to his family.

The year after the Paulsons' arrival in Culver, they met the late Allen Weaver, according to his wife Rosemary, who still

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Commission investigates work done without permit

Staff Report

Culver - Members of the Culver Plan Commission were surprised to hear that extensive remodeling of condo units had taken place without benefit of securing building permits. Units have been enlarged, rewired, bathrooms added, staircases installed all of which would require an improvement location permit by local and state ordinances.

The commission noted that all reputable contractors were licensed by Marshall County and were aware of requirements by municipalities to secure permits so were concerned that there were no requests on file for these improvements.

Russ Mason, building commissioner, was asked to contact the town attorney with these concerns and proceed accordingly.

In other business, a replat of five lots in the Logansport Settlement, 1870 E. Shore Drive, to two buildable lots was approved.

The subcommittee working on revision of the zoning ordinance has issued a first draft of changes to members for review. The committee meets the third Wednesday of each month and is open to the public.

Mason reported that he had been contacted by a firm interested in securing appropriate land for a food establishment with drive in capabilities. Possible areas on State Road 10 were discussed but members noted these areas would require a rezoning.

In the building commissioner's report, Mason

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Attitude, support central to Buxton's cancer recovery

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When it comes to cancer, says Pam Buxton, "the attitude is huge." That, as well as awareness of how one's body functions, a healthy lifestyle, and the strong support of family and friends may make all the difference in the world, as they did for Buxton, the wife of Culver Academies Head of Schools John Buxton.

One year ago this month, she discovered a "kind of nagging little bloating" in the right portion of her abdomen which she decided to have examined medically. She saw the oncologist, she says, on a Wednesday and found herself scheduled for surgery that Friday. Though the absence of a long stretch of time that week to contemplate the matter was a blessing, says Buxton, "it was a tough week, especially hearing the word 'cancer' and especially 'ovarian cancer.' Everybody hears that and thinks, 'That's it.'"

Buxton was fortunate in that the tumor in her right ovary was in a transition stage between benign and cancerous, though the doctor assigned her eight rounds of chemotherapy as a precaution after the surgery. She began the treatments at the end of November.

At the time and in the months that followed, says Buxton, her approach was "to live one day at a time; that was a tremendous help for me."

"The support from my family was unprecedented," she adds. "My husband was fantastic. He went right on board and just got me focused on keeping active, doing exercise – I was up every single day."

Beyond family, a groundswell of support for Buxton from the Culver community – the Academies and beyond – included students (who made a DVD for her to tell her how much they missed her), alumni, and teachers.

"Just everyone," she recalls. "I was getting notes every other day. I'm sure most people don't get that -- it was huge."

Pam Buxton describes herself as "a very optimistic person." See Buxton page 2

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PHOTO SUBMITTED
John and Pam Buxton at the Academies' recent horsemanship reunion weekend and Vaughn Equestrian Center dedication.

"I didn't let (the cancer) get me down. You strike while it's hot and you go day to day. I did get through it with a lot of humor, especially when you lose your hair and your husband shaves your head!"

Through it all, she says, husband John juggled his voluminous responsibilities as Head of Schools with his family life "beautifully."

"He was able to compartmentalize everything. I think it actually made him more of an effective leader. He said, 'We'll have shorter meetings.' It was amazing. And we're still doing that...we went through it together."

In January, 2009, she was asked by Culver's Relay for Life committee to give the Luminaria speech at the April 17 event, something she was enthusiastic to do because, she says, she "wanted to share an experience which was more positive than negative."

In her speech, Pam Buxton outlined for the audience five lessons she learned from her experience.

"One: take good care of yourselves. Eat healthily, be physically active, stay strong emotionally, and find humor in life.

"Two: listen to your body and be aware of how

it functions. Keep yourself educated about health issues and be proactive so if a life threatening disease should pay you a visit, you will be better equipped and ready to fight it.

"Three: be sure you are working with a doctor you trust and respect because you deserve that.

"Four: remember that positive and uplifting messages and stories to those fighting cancer and to their families can go a long way to helping them cope emotionally. Also, there's no place for pity. Those of us dealing with cancer, either personally or through loved ones are no different than

we were before the diagnosis.

"And five: stay positive because your attitude is what will carry you to the finish line. Chemo can only take you so far."

Buxton completed her own chemo therapy treatments five days after the Relay event. Since then, she says she's had "wonderful test results" and her doctor is extremely happy, as is she, that it all worked out. He encouraged her to continue to keep her immune system strong to be better able to fight any other cancer cells in her body. She continues to work hard at exercising and eating well.

She says awareness of her body's functions was and is essential.

"I wanted them at Relay to understand if you really know your body and be as healthy as you can, if something happens like cancer, you can get to it a lot sooner than if you're not aware of your body and how it functions."

In that context, Buxton told her Relay audience, "I remember our 12 year old granddaughter, Drake, saying, 'Nan, you probably saved your own life!'"

"Maybe I did," she adds.

Library alters credit card policy, other items

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Township Public Library board discussed several items at its regular monthly meeting October 20, approving its revised personnel policy in the process. Among changes in that policy were limits placed on the library's charge accounts and credit card usage at retail venues. "Because of what we ran into in the past, I don't feel comfortable saying, 'Go ahead and spend \$500 at Lowe's because we have an account there,'" said board member Carol Saft.

Board member Melanie Robertson, a member of the personnel policy committee, noted such situations are taken into account in the new policy. Saft also said there should be one credit card for use in the library kept in the director's office and not in the wallets of staff members. It was noted no staff member may spend more than \$50 towards library purchases without the approval of the librarian, who herself may spend up to \$500 at her discretion.

Also discussed were the library's policies on childcare and behavior. Some parents drop off children at the library without adult supervision, a matter addressed in the new library policy, which clarifies parents are responsible for their children even when not with them in the building.

In other discussion, library director Colleen McCarty said a debt collection agency, Unique Management Services, is being considered to handle overdue fees and materials for the library. Noting the company uses the "gentle nudge approach" which emphasizes return of materials first and foremost, McCarty said a telephone conference with the group is possible at the next board meeting. She recommended contracting with the company, which she said takes a small percentage of overdue fees collection in exchange for its services.

November 5 is the "go live" date for the library's transition from its existing cataloging and circulation system to the Indiana State Library-sponsored Evergreen, which takes advantage of a markedly more sophisticated software platform and consortium of participating libraries around the state, said McCarty. The move will enhance Culver patrons' options in items and services available.

McCarty also updated the [See Library page 6](#)

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said there have been 107 permits issued to date. He issued several fines for construction without a permit and also, advised that a duplex had been created on State Street in an R-1 district. The owners have been notified of the violation.

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Scouting in Culver's outback

Culver Cub Scouts (from Pack 290) Wyatt Coiner and Nik Vela (both age 8) enjoy a good time at the Scouts' Fall Family Camp at the Culver Academies Woodcraft camp's scout camp. The boys are part of the Bear Den with Ruth Dilts as Den Leader. The camp out took place over the October 10 weekend, according to Chuck Dilts of the Scouts. During the camp out, the boys completed a two-and-a-half to three-mile hike while working on several activities, Dilts added, such as the Tigers' completion of the "go see it" for a hike as well as discussing various trees and leaves. The Webelos worked on the Forester Activity Badge. All of the Scouts practiced setting up and sleeping in a tent. Dilts added the Pack aims to hold monthly camp outs from May to October with an emphasis on an outdoor requirement.

REAL Services menu

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

Thursday, Oct. 29: Chicken patty, bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applecrisp, and milk.

Friday, Oct. 30: Meatballs and noodles with gravy, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

Monday, Nov. 2: Chicken breast and gravy, spinach, mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, bread and margarine, cookie, and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Sloppy Joe, bun, corn, tossed salad with tomato, apricots, and

milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Ham, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread and margarine, tropical fruit, and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Pot roast with corn, rice, Brussels sprouts, bran muffin and margarine, pears and milk.

Friday, Nov. 6: Broccoli soup, applesauce, chicken salad, saltines, and milk.

Culver library hosts D.C. professor

The Culver-Union Township Public Library continues its Big Read celebration of Thornton Wilder's *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* with two events featuring Dr. Christopher Wheatley, Ordinary Professor of English and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. On Thursday, October 29, at 3 p.m., Dr. Wheatley will speak at Ancilla College in the Evergreen room. The title of Dr. Wheatley's talk is "Historical Religious Crisis and *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*." Dr. Wheatley's talk will be videotaped for teaching purposes at Ancilla, but the event is free and open to the public.

A second talk will be held at the Culver Library, large meeting room, on Saturday, October 31 at 10 a.m., entitled "Piety in the One Act Plays of 1931 and Our Town." This event may particularly interest religious leaders and their congregations, but is open to everyone, like all of The Big Read programs.

Dr. Wheatley is a Fulbright Lecturer with special interests in American Drama; Restoration and 18th Century British/Irish Drama; and Thornton Wilder.

Culver Academies Quizbowl team opens season with win

The defending Indiana State Champion Culver Academies quizbowl team traveled on Saturday, October 17, to Wilmette, Illinois for their first tournament of the year. The elite 18-team Loyola Academy Ultima tournament featured eleven of the top fifteen Illinois teams, as well as the Eagles, who were the first Indiana to compete in the Ultima tournament since it was started in 1998. Culver opened the tournament and season with a win over the Illinois Math and Science Academy, who were ranked #10 in the Illinois preseason rankings. Culver went on to win four of their five preliminary matches to claim a spot in the six-team championship bracket, finishing in sixth place. The Eagles were led by team captain Kirsten Paff, who averaged 49.0 points per game, earning her a spot on the tournament all-star team. Full results can be accessed at www.ihssbca.org/statistics/2009ultima/ultima09overall_standings.html.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 29
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Lions Club Halloween party, 6 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium
"Our Town" performance, 2 p.m., Culver High School auditorium

Fri., Oct. 30
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Free community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church
"The Big Read" closing celebration, awards, presentation by Dr. Christopher Wheatley, and performance by Jan and the Left Hand Rockers band, 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., Oct. 31 (Halloween)
Scrapbooking for adults and children, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ, Plymouth Street
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Halloween Trick-or-Treating, 5 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 1
Fall Harvest Festival, 5 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Mon., Nov. 2
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tues., Nov. 3
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30

p.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m., VFW Post 6919, Culver

Weds., Nov. 4
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
"A Novel Approach" book and movie discussion, noon, Culver Public Library
Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Thurs., Nov. 5
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knights of Columbus, St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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Celebrating Friends, preparing for changes

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“Public libraries have been a mainstay of my life. They represent an individual’s right to acquire knowledge; they are the sinews that bind civilized societies the world over. Without libraries, I would be a pauper, intellectually and spiritually.”-- James Michener, American Writer

From October 18 to Friends of Libraries week, tunity to write about the membership of the Friends Library. The Friends of tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-raise funds, and promote Friends understand the criti-ies, and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with assistance in research, readers’ advisory, and children’s services.



From the Other Side of the Book Drop

By Colleen McCarty
Director, Culver-Union Twp. Public Library

Essentially, our Friends raise the money that enables our Library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children’s summer reading, and special events throughout the year. More specifically, during this past year The Friends sponsored two very well-attended talks:



PHOTO/ANDREW BAKER, CULVER-UNION TWP. PUBLIC LIBRARY

Feasting with Friends

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library treated the library staff to a luncheon October 21 to recognize staff members for their hard work and dedication, one of the support efforts the Friends spearhead. Pictured above (seated at the left-hand table) are Friend Joann Walsh and CUTPL board member Ron Cole. At the right-hand table, left to right, are Friends Rita Mason and Dorothy Peterson, library director Colleen McCarty, Friends president Sandy Wakefield (with back to camera), library staff member Jim Faulkner, Stephanie Hall, and Friend Ginger Budzius (standing).

one given by Thomas Ray Crowel, author of “The Passerby” in June, and a second called “Gangs, Drugs and Tattoos” given by Gus Carlson, Community Services Coordinator at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City this past month. The Friends purchased the display panels which stand on our lobby and are used to exhibit artwork and photographs, and they bought equipment for our Computer Lab: black cable sleeving used to organize the many wires we have in the Lab. They also purchased the prizes for our Adult Summer Reading program, and supplies for arts and crafts programs in the children’s department. And they have given us funds to buy new books. When we need financial help, we turn to our Friends and they respond with generosity.

Our Friends group has recently elected new officers. Charlotte Hahn is the new President, Rita Mason is the Vice-President and Connie Van Horn serves as Treasurer and Program Chairperson. Founding member Sandy Wakefield is the Outgoing President. Inspired by the Friends of the Library group Sandy joined in Sebring, Florida, she started the CUTPL Friends group in 2005. At that time Sandy approached then-CUTPL Library Director Scott Pletka with her thoughts about a Friends organization for Culver and Scott agreed that it would be a good idea to found a group. They put an ad in the Culver Citizen and held their first meeting. Sandy reminds us that “The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to enhance the service libraries provide to their community. This is my home town. I graduated from Culver High School and my biggest reason to belong to the Friends is to promote children reading books.” The Friends’ gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all of us in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community. Sandy chooses to

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Name that Culver “citizen”



At left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Casey Howard, then and now. Right: this week’s mystery citizen.

Last week’s Mystery Citizen was, of course, our town clerk Casey Howard, whose face is familiar to just about anyone stopping in at the town hall for any reason (your editor is doubly familiar with the title since my earliest memories of my own mother’s employment were during her stint as town clerk!).



Connie Van Horn, Maggie Nixon, and Carin Clifton were correct guessers, though I’m pretty sure several others approached me on the street (or in the grocery or wherever and said, “It’s Casey!”) So if I’ve neglected you, call or write. Our photo last week, from a few years back, actually showed Casey in her former identity as Casey Dubois.

Taking care of some old business, Carin Clifton, as well as Dawn Basham also correctly guessed your editor as the subject of the previous week’s contest, but were left out of the winners’ list. We’ll be sure they enjoy an extra week’s free parking in downtown Culver to compensate.

This week’s Mystery Citizen is another Culver businessperson and carries on a long family tradition. Guesses?

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PHOTO SUBMITTED/EDWIN 'BUDDY' AND ANN JOHNSON

Edwin "Buddy" Johnson -- Alma Paulson's nephew -- and wife Ann, who cared for 'Uncle Nils' in Louisiana during his final days.

lives at 17015 Thorn Road, adjacent to land Paulson purchased to turn into a garden.

Paulson made regular trips to his small piece of land, she recalls, to work the garden, striking up a friendship with Allen Weaver. "One day he asked if we had any trees for our front yard," says Rosemary, "and Allen said 'No,' and he said, 'I want to put some trees out if you don't mind.'"

A grief observed

Paulson chose four saplings grown from sprouts fallen from a row of maple trees which still stand on the Lewis Street side of his property.

"There was no marker (to accompany the trees)," adds Weaver. "We should have had him do something (to mark them). It was just so sad when he planted the trees, even. He cried as he was planting them. It was just sad."

Weaver isn't sure why Paulson planted four trees instead of five, since he lost four children and his wife, but it's probably safe to assume the trees were specifically meant as a memorial to each of his children, rather than three children and his wife. Rosemary Weaver says her husband, who for years worked the marl pits behind the couple's home and died in 2005, likely knew the details. "Allen and (Paulson) talked a lot; I never was in on the conversation, just what I picked up -- bits and pieces.

"(Paulson) was a kind gentleman," she adds. "Soft spoken; his English was pretty good."

Nils and August

Another November date is an anniversary of sorts which intertwines with Paulson's tale. August Wennerstrom died November 22, 1950 at the age of 58; he had been on the Titanic as well, and there met Alma Paulson. At the time, Wennerstrom was 27 years old, a political dissident and journalist in Sweden whose barbs aimed at the Swedish aristocracy at the time landed him in ill favor with the authorities. He emigrated in 1912, purchasing a ticket on the fated ship at Copenhagen. He held two Paulson children in his arms as the ship went down, but lost them as the icy waters rose. He himself fought the cold for eight hours, clinging to the frame of a collapsible life boat partially destroyed by the explosion of the ship's boilers, as was reported in a 1924 article in the Culver Academy Vedette newspaper, which described a talk Wennerstrom gave cadets there.

The talk was an annual event after Wennerstrom's arrival in Culver, where he almost wandered into employment some years earlier as superintendent of buildings and grounds at the Academy. As the story goes, Wennerstrom was leaving the train in Culver just as an Academy representative was awaiting the arrival of the new gardener, "Leo." August Wennerstrom became August "Leo" Wennerstrom and took the job.

Details remain sketchy, but Wennerstrom and Nils Paulson must have crossed paths in Chicago and natu-

rally developed a connection born of Wennerstrom's proximity to the Paulson family during its final hours. However the two became connected, Paulson likely visited Wennerstrom in Culver and was impressed enough to move here after his 1946 retirement in Chicago. Though an East Shore property owned by the Academy was for years known as "the Wennerstrom home" due to its occupancy by the family, after his own retirement August Wennerstrom and family moved to a Thorn Road home just a bit north of the Weavers' land (and Paulson's garden).

Wennerstrom had married Namoi Johnson, also of Swedish origin, in Chicago, and the couple raised six sons and a daughter, naming one son "Culver" after the community they adopted as their own (five of the sons served in World War II, Culver in Korea). Here and abroad, August Wennerstrom gave talks about the sinking of the great ship, and filled a notebook with memories of the event. He remains one of the most documented Titanic survivors and the only one to reside in Indiana.

'Uncle Nils'

Nils Paulson, meanwhile, lived quietly on Williams Street with Christina -- an active member of the Maxinkuckee Rebekah Lodge -- until her death in August, 1960, at age 77. Afterwards, recalls Edwin Johnson, Nils went downhill.

"When (Christina) died," recalls Johnson by telephone from his home in Jackson, Louisiana, "we got word of that, and after that my mother told me (Nils) was getting sick (and) asking if he could come live with us. My daddy was his nephew and my mother was a nurse and was more than willing to help. I was struggling with a wife and three babies at the time. They drove up (to Culver) in my mother's Olds...he stayed with my mother and father. Later we sold our house and moved in with

them."

Nils Paulson arrived in Louisiana shortly after Christina's death in 1960 (he sold his garden land on Thorn Road around the same time), his health deteriorating. Edwin Johnson's wife Ann spent more time with Nils than her busy, working husband, as did the couple's young, fair-haired children. In those later years, she says, "Uncle Nils would cry when he saw my boys and say, 'Oh my Swedish babies!' He would lapse into a heavy Swedish accent."

The Johnsons keep many of Paulson's personal effects, including his railroad watch from Chicago and a number of items from Sweden, including his passport and papers from the Olympia ship on which he sailed to America. For years they had Paulson's 1957 Chevrolet, which he'd driven from Culver to Louisiana in 1958 to visit the family. "He had a wooden elevated

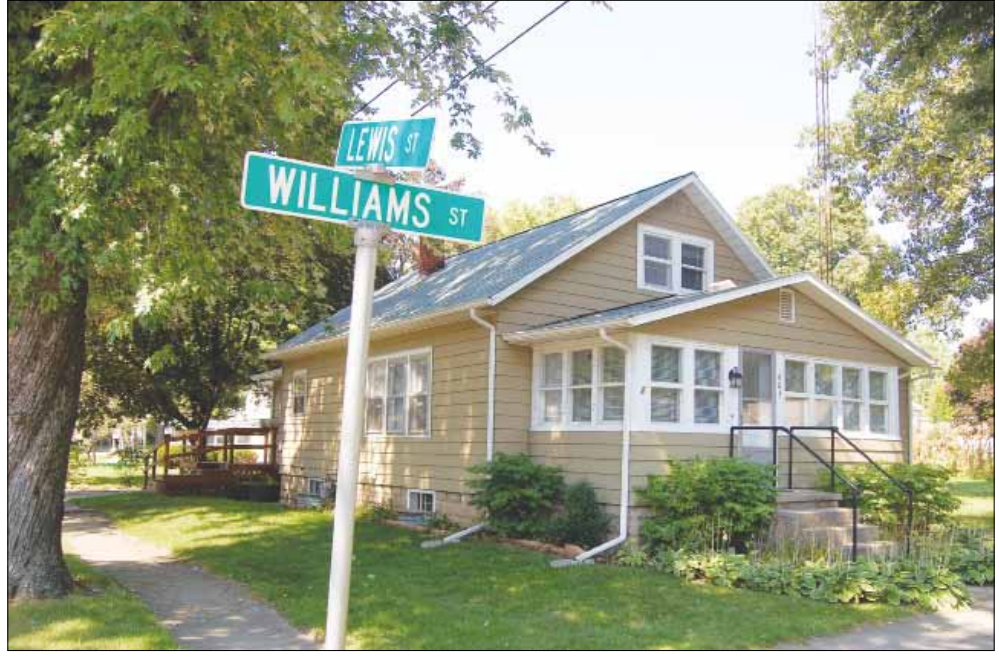
he'd planted after a visit to Culver by a friend of Edwin's, who stopped in at the Culver Public Library and found a file on Paulson including news of the trees and even a letter written by Edwin's mother to the Easterday Funeral Home in Culver in 1960 inquiring whether Paulson had a headstone here.

Since his son first began aiding in research on Alma Paulson and her family around the year 2000, "Buddy" Johnson has become fascinated with the story. And it's at least somewhat reciprocal. He's been contacted by Titanic researchers in Halifax and beyond, and was surprised to learn, when visiting a memorial and reenactment of the Titanic in Branson, Missouri, that his aunt Alma is portrayed by an actress on a regular basis. In fact, he says, he was "treated like I was a celebrity" when he told them he was a descendent of Alma

we're allowed. It would be just interesting to meet the descendents."

Weaver would also like to investigate the possibility of having the trees marked or protected for their historical significance, which has been recognized from time to time: besides an article in the Culver Citizen around the 1997 release date of the popular Titanic Hollywood movie, TV station WTTW interviewed Allen Weaver on the subject for a story, as did WSBT-TV in South Bend, who returned in 2007 to interview Rosemary (that film is available for checkout at the Culver Public Library today).

And the trees have been no secret, even if they're not "household knowledge" to everyone in the Culver area. Through the years, says Rosemary Weaver, "people came by to see the trees; they had heard they were here. They would stop and talk to Allen about it."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

This house at 605 Williams Street in Culver was home to Nils Paulson during his post-retirement days. The maple trees at left likely supplied the saplings used to plant the memorial trees on Thorn Road.

pedal on his brake because his wife was short," notes Edwin. "He willed the car to my dad and my dad gave it to me. I gave it to my son and he restored it and sold it."

Nils Paulson passed away September 21, 1964 at St. Francis hospital in Monroe, Louisiana; his funeral and burial were in Culver, as he'd willed his body to be shipped back here and buried in the Masonic cemetery where Christina was laid to rest.

And while the Johnsons knew "Uncle Nils," it was only recently they learned of the maple trees

Paulson.

A legacy of worldwide significance

In Culver, Dan Weaver, too, hopes the Paulsons' memory is kept alive. He hopes, after he and his wife Jan finish building their home near Plymouth, to contact some of Alma's descendents in Sweden. "We've been wanting to go to Switzerland and we thought maybe a dual trip. We'd like to take over and present them with a few seeds or a start from these (memorial maple) trees if

In addition, she says, her children and grandchildren grew up hearing the story of the "Titanic" trees. Dan especially has sought to keep up the legacy of the monument, she says, likely from his memories of "following his dad down to talk to Mr. Paulson.

"The grandkids and kids all shinned up those trees," she adds, recalling one branch particularly popular for the children to climb and hang from.

It seems a safe bet Nils and Alma Paulson, and their children, would approve.

Titanic tale was Culver detective story

It was sometime in 2006 when a grey-haired gentleman with a strong southern accent walked into the Culver history area (today the Center for Culver History) of the Culver Public Library where I was working at the time. His visit was memorable right off the bat since he was here from Louisiana seeking information about someone connected to Culver, although he wasn't the first or last from out-of-state with a Culver connection. Culver's the sort of place, as most of us know, which makes a lasting impression on visitors and former residents, who are spread out virtually across the globe.

His name was Jim Howard, and he was a retired Louisiana state trooper visiting Indiana to see his son. Mr. Howard was inquiring on behalf of a fellow Louisianan and church friend seeking information on his late uncle, who had spent many of his later years in Culver before moving to Louisiana where Mr. Howard's friend took on the responsibility of caring for him up to his death in 1964.

The name of the Culver man, Nils Paulson, didn't ring a bell, even when Mr. Howard noted the connection to the famous Titanic disaster of 1912, in which Paulson's wife and children

perished.

Around that time, two local Antiquarian and Historical Society members and genealogy enthusiasts, Connie Van Horn and Chris Landskron, had been volunteering quite a bit of time



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
editor

in the history area indexing materials from the Antiquarian archives and organizing them into usable file folders under subject headings. I headed to the file cabinet and was shocked to find Nils Paulson had a rather extensive file. Included were death records and obituaries of Paulson and his second wife Christine (both of them are buried here in Culver at the Masonic cemetery), and a handwritten note concerning the trees on Culver Academies letterhead (that letterhead would be the cause of a bit of a wild goose chase, which I'll get to momentarily). There was even a letter written to the then-Easterday funeral home in Culver from

the mother of Mr. Howard's friend, whose name I would later learn was Edwin "Buddy" Johnson of Jackson, Louisiana.

I would also later learn Buddy Johnson knew nothing of the maple trees Paulson planted in his family's honor prior to Mr. Howard's visit. Howard, recognizing the significance of the trees Paulson, asked me fruitlessly where they were, and set out to the town hall and even Culver Academy to see if anyone could point them out to him. He only had a day in town and hoped to take a photo of the trees for his friend Buddy Johnson.

Jim Howard finally had to leave Culver with no tree photo, but he certainly didn't leave empty-handed. Edwin "Buddy" Johnson had done extensive research into his aunt Alma's death on the Titanic and was himself the subject of an extensive article the same year as Jim Howard's visit (2006) in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Advocate newspaper, which told the story of Alma and Nils Paulson in some detail.

Buddy Johnson was naturally interested in pursu-

ing more about Nils Paulson and the Culver trees, and wrote a letter to the Antiquarian Society. However, lacking the proper mailing address, he mailed it to Culver Academies (remember that letterhead?), so it took quite a circuitous route to eventually get to me. Included was the fascinating Advocate article and a hand-written note, though it was several busy months before I really had time to sit down and consider what to do.

I eventually telephoned Edwin "Buddy" Johnson, speaking to his wife Ann, who was a good source of information herself and recalled for me the story of her young, fair-haired sons visiting an ailing, ageing "Uncle Nils" and his tearing up and lapsing into Swedish, calling them his "Swedish babies."

Eventually, Buddy Johnson and I spent more than two hours on the phone in preparation for this article, and as we did, he discussed Nils' house in Culver, which Mr. Johnson had not actually seen. I looked up the address of the house from Paulson's death record and was stunned to realize the house was right outside my window as I spoke -- it was my neighbors' house!

I'm happy to say I now have photos of the house

and the trees to send Mr. Johnson, following a very informative couple of visits to the Weaver house on Thorn Road with Rosemary Weaver and son Dan. I agree with Dan that this is a story of far greater significance than just a "local interest" story, and share his desire to ensure the trees are protected. I hope he's able to get to Sweden to

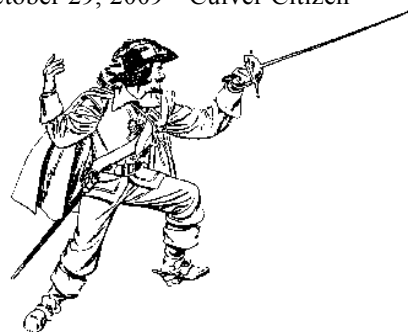
present a start from one of those trees to the Paulson family (though the commute to cover that event for the Citizen may take a bit more than my usual biking efforts!). And I hope that Nils Paulson is finally reunited, now, with his family, and is finally happy and at peace.

Library from page 2

board on several recent goings-on at the library, including attendance by five CUTPL staff members of an Indiana State Library conference in Fort Wayne October 19, a luncheon honoring library staff October 21 by the Friends of the Library organization, and the success of a program on gangs and drugs recently sponsored also by the Friends.

Dr. Christopher Wheatley, Ordinary Professor of English and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. will be on hand October 30 at 6:30 p.m., noted McCarty, for the closing of the library's multi-week "The Big Read" community program. Winners of the "Big Read" photo and essay contests will also be announced at the event, which will feature live music by Jan and the Left Hand Rockers band. "The Big Read" focused on two literary classics by Thornton Wilder and brought together a variety of community organizations and individuals to encourage reading and dialog centered around Wilder's works. The Culver Community High School will also perform Wilder's "Our Town" onstage October 29, 31, and November 1 at 2 p.m. each day, added McCarty, as part of "The Big Read."

A free energy audit will take place November 10 to examine the library's HVAC system, lighting, utility bills, square footage, and windows, McCarty said. Kurt Stevens will conduct the audit, which is aimed at making the library more energy efficient and cost effective in its regular operations.



Sports



Eagles fly to dual state berths at New Prairie

NEW CARLISLE — Led by Alejandro Arroyo's runner-up finish, the Culver Military Academy Eagles earned just their second team state berth in program history, while Culver Girls Academy finished fifth for a ticket out to the girls championships at the New Prairie Cross Country Semistate Saturday in New Carlisle.

Arroyo paced CMA with a 15:51 as one of only two runners at the meet to break the 16-minute mark, less than 16 seconds behind individual New Prairie champion David Osborn of Chesterton, which won the team meet with a dominant score of 40. LaPorte was second with 123 points, West Lafayette finished third with 137, and Culver Military beat out Lake Central 152-156 for fourth place in the team standings.

Trace Ostergren also broke into the top 15 for CMA with a 16:36 for 12th place overall. Chris Trennepohl was 50th and Ramsey Bradke and Austin Welch finished a second apart in 61st and 64th, respectively, to round out the Eagles' top five. Also for the team, Coleman Zimmerman crossed the line in 75th place, and Adriann Negreros was 92nd at New Prairie.

Triton senior Curtis Nordmann finished out a strong career with the Trojans in 104th place at semistate after advancing out of the CMA Regional in 15th place the previous weekend.

In the girls race at New Prairie, CGA junior Waverly Neer earned her third straight state berth in fifth-place individually while helping her team to a fifth-place finish for the final team berth at state next weekend. Crown Point won the girls race with a 76, followed by Lake Central with 93, Portage with 141 and Valparaiso with 165 points, 10 points ahead of the Lady Eagles.

Behind Neer's team-pacing 19:04, Willow Smith seized the final top 25 spot with a 20:14 at the meet, and Kaye Sitterly ran an outstanding 20:33 for 34th overall. Moria Kelly was 56th and Emma Pettinga was 81st to complete CGA's

team score, while Stephanie Burian and Katie Gawor were 98th and 100th, respectively. See Eagles page 8

Cavs fight back at LaVille

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent

LAKEVILLE — Culver Community's football team never flinched in its rematch at LaVille.

After falling behind 16-0 at halftime, the Cavs, who trailed 29-0 during last week's 29-22 regular-season finale loss at Lancer Field, controlled the second half and charged back for a 22-16 victory in Class A Sectional 33 first-round play Friday.

The Cavs host two-time defending sectional champion Triton next Friday.

Sophomore running back Kevin Hogan's 2-yard scoring burst off the right side — coupled with freshman quarterback Collin Stevens' 2-point conversion pass to Sam Hendrickson — put the Cavs on top 22-16 with 1:22 left in the game.

"I'm very proud of our kids," Culver Community head coach Andy Thomas said. "They fought back for the second week in a row. I'm proud of LaVille's kids. It could have just as easily been them winning. Hats off to LaVille. They played their butts off. (Cody Coblenz) is a tremendous player for them."

"We just told the kids at halftime that we felt a lot different

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PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver's Collin Stevens, left, tries to run the ball against LaVille's Cody Coblenz, center, and Andrew Hostetler, right, during the two teams' Class 2A Sectional football game Friday.

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Eagles fall at Plymouth sectional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Coming into the match, Class 3A No. 7 New Prairie was the easy favorite to beat CGA, but a host of illnesses and the loss of two starters made the outcome questionable for the Cougars.

Culver Girls Academy came together to play some of their best volleyball of the year but New Prairie — down right side hitter Kymra Keigley and middle blocker Kayla Debiak — got the benefit of some big-time play from West Point recruit Margaux Jarka, and the Cougars overcame the Eagles 25-16, 26-24, 25-

13 in a Plymouth Volleyball Sectional quarterfinal Thursday at The Rock.

It wasn't a surprising outcome for the Eagles, and head coach Lori Elliott was pleased with her girls' quality of play at the match. Daughter Kirsten Elliott put away 10 kills, gifted freshman Andrijana Cvitkovic came up with five blocks at the net, Emily Gilland recorded 12 assists, and libero Andrea Lin pulled up 13 digs as CGA kept it relatively close, particularly during the extended second game, which the team forced to 26 points.

"We played probably our best match of the year,"

said Lori Elliott. "We scouted them, and we knew where to line up with (Jarka), and we were there, and I'll tell you serve receive and passing has hurt us all season and we were where we needed to be. We just don't have enough hitters like (Jarka) to keep that going, so we're going to make a few more errors there.

"That's exactly what you want to do. You hope that this is your best match of the season, and I think it was."

CGA carried over some momentum from game two into the final game, going point for point with New Prairie up to a 4-0 tie,

but swept up in an 8-0 run during a bad rotation and ended up dropping the final 25-13.

"That third game we kind of got in that rotation, we didn't have any hitters, we couldn't get the pass up, we didn't have a blocker and our big girl was out," said head coach Elliott.

Culver ends its season at 9-16, and although seven seniors bid good-bye to the team, the program has high hopes for next season with several talented players returning, including freshman middle hitter Cvitkovic.

"We've got some young girls. Our big girl (Cvitkovic) is only a freshman,

never having played the sport," Lori Elliott said. "She's here from Croatia, and she's never played volleyball in her life, never touched a volleyball, so there's a lot of potential there. Our little libero, this is the first varsity match

she had. We've got some things coming up, but again it's just a matter of playing more.

"But I've got seven seniors that are going to be missed, and my daughter's one of them so it's really tough."

Cavs from page 7

week," he added. "We were playing hard in the first half and if we kept playing hard we were confident that we were going to go out and move the ball. We were hoping to get a quick score, and we did."

And that quick strike came from junior running back Michael Salary, who spearheaded the charge with 156 rushing yards on 17 carries, including touchdown runs of 82 and 5 yards.

His long run, on the second play from scrimmage in the third frame, went up the middle and left LaVille quarterback-cornerback Cody Coblentz and teammate Andrew Hostetler face down on the muddy, barnyard-like turf. That play made it a 16-6 game just 59 seconds after the end of the intermission.

"We had (Salary) stopped with four guys right there filling hard, and they all hit each other at the same time and he got away," LaVille head coach Brian Stultz said. "That took the wind out of our sails."

While both LaVille players returned, Coblentz left for good in the final minute after sustaining a hit on an incomplete pass.

After Salary's second score — followed by Brock Elliott's 2-point pass from Stevens — brought the tally to 16-14 with 4:36 left in the third stanza, the Lancers drove to the Culver 6 before coming away empty.

LaVille — held to 14 rushing yards in the second half — started its next possession at the Culver 39, but stalled out again, setting the stage for the Cavs' game-winning drive.

"They were bringing the pressure," Stultz said of the Cavs. "They were able to step up and get some stops. It's tough playing the same team two weeks in a row, especially with a healthy Salary."

In that final drive, the Cavs converted on three third-down plays — one on a quick hit over the middle to tight end Robert Molebash, the second

with a pass interference on a halfback pass, and the final a well-thrown ball from Stevens, who rolled left before lofting it back right to Salary for a big 19-yard pick-up at the LaVille 20. Five plays later, Hogan dived in with the go-ahead touchdown.

"(LaVille's) corners come up so hard," Thomas said of the latter two third-down conversions. "We called play action trying to get behind the corners. Collin Stevens, our quarterback, made a great play. He was unprotected and he just threw up it and trusted Michael would get there."

Culver forced three incomplete passes and Salary dropped Kubiak in his first play as quarterback to regain possession.

LaVille burned its final timeouts and actually got the ball back for one final play with less than a second to play. However, Culver's Brian Nelson knocked down Kubiak's final heave downfield to send the Cavs to the second round.

• CLASS A SECTIONAL 33 FIRST ROUND

CULVER COMMUNITY 22, LAVILLE 16

At Lakeville

Score by quarters

Culver: 0 0 14 8 — 22

LaVille: 6 10 0 0 — 16

Scoring summary

First quarter

LV — Cody Coblentz 3 run (kick failed), 4:56.

Second quarter

LV — Spenser Omans 14 run (Trenton Priser kick), 2:10.

LV — Priser 36 FG, 2:10.

Third quarter

CC — Michael Salary 82 run (run failed), 11:01.

CC — Salary 5 run (Brock Elliott pass from Collin Stevens), 4:36.

Fourth quarter

CC — Kevin Hogan 2 run (Sam Hendrickson pass from Stevens), 1:22.

Team stats: CC LV

First downs: 12 8

Rushing yards: 191 159

Passing yards: 37 58

Passing: 5-10 3-16

Fumbles-lost: 3-2 2-0

Punting: 3-33.3 3-26

Penalties: 4-35 7-55

Individual stats

Culver Community

Rushing: Salary 17-156, Hogan 9-22, Stevens 16-9, Hendrickson 3-4.

Passing: Stevens 5-10, 37 yards.

Receiving: Salary 2-25, Robert Molebash 1-11, Hogan 1-1.

Tackles: Jeremiah Harvey, George VanSky, Hogan — 7.

LaVille

Rushing: Spencer Kubiak 10-90, Omans 5-27, Sean Webb 6-20, Coblentz 12-21, Andrew Hostetler 2-1.

Passing: Coblentz 3-14, 58 yards, Kubiak 0-2.

Receiving: Hostetler 1-35, Duane Spencer 1-14, Kubiak 1-9.

Tackles: Coblentz — 7.

Records: Culver Community 6-4, LaVille 4-6 (final).

Eagles from page 7



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Military Academy's Alejandro Arroyo runs at the New Prairie Cross Country Semistate Saturday at New Carlisle. Arroyo finished runner up at the meet, and the Eagles earned just the second team berth out to the state meet in CMA history.

118th, respectively.

At the New Haven Semistate, meanwhile, Bremen's Hope Jordan fell shy of a second consecutive trip out to state in 32nd place with a 20:28 stop Saturday.

After making a pair of solo trips to the state finals in 2007 and 2008, Arroyo will finally be competing in the team race at the La-

Vern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute next Saturday. Neer will make her third straight appearance there and her second appearance with a team after placing 23rd as a freshman with state champion Westfield two years ago in 2007, which is coincidentally the last time the Lady Eagles earned a team state finals berth. They finished 18th overall on the strength of state distance legend Alex Banfich's third straight individual championship.

• NEW PRAIRIE CROSS COUNTRY SEMISTATE

At New Carlisle

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Chesterton 40, LaPorte 123, West Lafayette 137, Culver Military Academy 152, Lake Central 156, Valparaiso 182, Crown Point 194, Lowell 258, Northfield 281, Maconaquah 281 (6th runner rule), Highland 286, New Prairie 301, Lafayette Jeff 355, Western (Howard Co.) 363, Oak Hill 382, Rensselaer Central 396, McCutcheon 417, Munster 423, Benton Central 469, Rossville 514.

Top 25 finishers: 1, David Osborn (Chesterton) 15:35.8. 2, Alejandro Arroyo (CMA) 15:51.5. 3, Dylan Harrison (Merrillville) 16:09.2. 4, Cameron Balker (Oak Hill) 16:21.0. 5, Kyle Overway (Logansport) 16:25.3. 6, Jake Carden (Kouts) 16:27.9. 7, Mitch Hubner (LaPorte) 16:29.4. 8, Thomas Halpin (Chesterton) 16:31.4. 9, Zane Cooperider (W Lafayette) 16:32.1. 10, Jamie Dority (Clinton Prairie) 16:32.6. 11, Morgan Welsh (McCutcheon) 16:33.0. 12, Trace Ostergren (CMA) 16:36.1. 13, Allan Appiah (Highland) 16:38.5. 14, Shane Kenney (Chesterton) 16:38.7. 15, Andrew Morris (Chesterton) 16:38.8. 16, Blake Lawson (New Prairie) 16:42.2. 17, Jon Rogers (Chesterton) 16:43.2.

18, Chris Jelewski (Lake Central) 16:46.0. 19, Jake Baranowski (Highland) 16:46.9. 20, James Elia (Valparaiso) 16:51.5. 21, Jacob Bingham (Maconaquah) 16:53.7. 22, Chris Shellenber (Crown Pt.) 16:54.8. 23, Austin Alcorn (LaPorte) 16:54.9. 24, Jake Ponton (Lake Central) 16:55.8. 25, Julian Jimenez-Corredor (W Lafayette) 16:57.6.

CMA (152): 2, Alejandro Arroyo (15:51.5), 12, Trace Ostergren (16:36.1), 50, Chris Trennepohl (17:22.2), 61, Ramsey Bradke (17:31), 64, Austin Welch (17:32.3), 75, Coleman Zimmerman (17:40.4), 92, Adriann Negreros (17:55.4)

TRITON (NS): 104, Curtis Nordmann (18:07.8)

GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Crown Point 76, Lake Central 93, Portage 141, Valparaiso 165, Culver Girls Academy 175, Tri-County 186, Munster 215, Harrison (Lafayette) 229, West Lafayette 236, Chesterton 239, Michigan City 333, Lafayette Jeff 336, Griffith 349, Lowell 353, Oak Hill 368, New Prairie 375, Manchester 389, Frankfort 406, Eastern (Greentown) 414, Northwestern 502.

Top 25 finishers: 1, Dana Payonk (Lake Central) 18:23.6. 2, Katelyn DeVries (Valparaiso) 18:44.3. 3, Laicee Pierce (Crown Pt.) 18:48.8. 4, Kaisa Goodman (W Lafayette) 18:59.9. 5, Waverly Neer (CGA) 19:04.0. 6, Laura Bess (Harrison) 19:05.7. 7, Megan Plenus (Lake Central) 19:12.4. 8, Jordan Chester (Boone Grove) 19:24.0. 9, Courtney Bennett (Kouts) 19:27.5. 10, Abigail Zeitler (Wheeler) 19:36.1. 11, Melissa Manning (Tri-County) 19:38.4. 12, Taylor Austin (Griffith) 19:39.6. 13, Terra Norman (Portage) 19:41.5. 14, Shelby Carroll (Lake Central) 19:45.9. 15, Lauren McCarroll (Crown Pt.) 19:48.5. 16, Kristina Parrish (Michigan City) 19:53.5. 17, Taylor Jones (W Lafayette) 19:54.6. 18, Julie Jeszenszky (New Prairie) 20:00.3. 19, Augusta Schrader (Crown Pt.) 20:03.6. 20, Patricia Joll (Valparaiso) 20:06.0. 21, Becca Conley (Andrean) 20:06.0. 22, Morgan Kleinaman (Crown Pt.) 20:07.7. 23, Jill Ranegar (Valparaiso) 20:08.8. 24, Sierra King

(Portage) 20:11.2. 25, Willow Smith (CGA) 20:14.4.

CGA (175): 5, Waverly Neer (19:04.0), 25, Willow Smith (20:14.4), 34, Kaye Sitterly (20:33.2), 56, Moira Kelley (21:00.3), 81, Emma Pettinga (21:31.4), 98, Stephanie Burian (22:09.3), 118, Katie Gawor (23:04.1) • NEW HAVEN CROSS COUNTRY SEMISTATE

At Fort Wayne

GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Carroll (FW) 57, West Noble 122, Northridge 129, DeKalb 144, Huntington North 158, Columbia City 172, Penn 190, Concordia 192, Riley 194, Warsaw 232, Homestead 247, Northrop 257, Mishawaka 329, Mt. Vernon 435, Belmont 468, South Adams 483, Muncie Central 487, Pendleton Heights 522, Jay County 532, Delta 556.

Top 25 finishers: 1, Ashley Erba (Warsaw) 18:57.7. 2, Kaylee McClanahan (Carroll) 19:06.2. 3, Brianna Johnson (Carroll) 19:12.5. 4, Skylair Hilton (Northridge) 19:16.0. 5, Sage Knopp (Central Noble) 19:18.5. 6, Beth Werge (Riley) 19:22.7. 7, Cierstan Deardorf (Carroll) 19:31.1. 8, Kate DeSimone (Canterbury) 19:32.9. 9, Cendal Ogle (Warsaw) 19:32.9. 10, Renee Menzie (Columbia City) 19:33.2. 11, Lauren Hamilton (Leo) 19:34.3. 12, Darby Mountford (St. Joseph's) 19:37.8. 13, Amber Hiner (Fremont) 19:39.3. 14, Rachel Peterson (West Noble) 19:40.0. 15, Laken Lefever (Columbia City) 19:41.1. 16, Autumn Beachy (DeKalb) 19:45.0. 17, Elizabeth Roush (Riley) 19:51.7. 18, Allie Pladson (Northridge) 19:54.8. 19, Gretchen Spahr (Huntington North) 19:55.8. 20, Kristina Galat (Penn) 20:01.2. 21, Samantha Andersson (DeKalb) 20:03.4. 22, Alissa Peterson (West Noble) 20:07.9. 23, Cara Fisher (Northrop) 20:11.7. 24, Hannah Osborn (Concordia) 20:13.7. 25, Miranda Stewart (Mishawaka) 20:14.8.

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give back to her community and has been involved with many charitable organizations. She summed up her philosophy with these words: "When you spread a little cheer, sometimes it multiplies."

The work of the Friends highlights the fact that our Library is a cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and to connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present. I know that the Culver-Union Township Public Library is a source of pride for our community. Our Friends group is a source of pride as well. I hope this week everyone will call the library to find out how they can join and support this outstanding group.

The entire staff would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the CUTPL Friends who contribute so much of their time and expertise to significantly enhance our services. Our library would be much poorer without our Friends. Thank you Friends, from your staff at the Library!

Evergreen Indiana (EI) arrives at your Library next week!

During the past several weeks, staff at your Library has been very busy training and preparing to migrate to the Evergreen Indiana ILS, which fundamentally is an open-source software system developed to help library users

find materials, and to help libraries manage, catalog and circulate those materials. Since its debut in September 2006 as the software powering the 270-plus libraries of the Georgia PINES consortium, Evergreen has earned acclaim and praise from users worldwide, including a Technology Collaboration Award from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Evergreen now supports hundreds of libraries of every type—public, academic, special, and school media—in 12 states and 2 countries. Culver is the 68th library to join the Evergreen Indiana system. EI is sponsored by the Indiana State Library and a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant; this project will save taxpayers money, while simultaneously increasing the available resources for all Library patrons

And what does joining Evergreen Indiana mean for CUTPL patrons in particular?

On November 5, our "Go Live" date, patrons of the Library will see a new card catalog when they search our collection, and online users will have more opportunities to place holds, browse other libraries' collections, and renew materials at home or on the road. Our patrons will also be able to check out materials at any of the 67 migrated consortium libraries (several more libraries are scheduled to adopt the EI system in the next year).

There will be some changes in our loan periods and fine

schedule too. All patrons will also receive a new library card. Circulation Manager Teresa Hudson is very enthusiastic about the system. "Evergreen will give us a positive opportunity to get materials to our patrons in an efficient and timely manner." She tells us. "The Evergreen system meets its goals: first to be flexible and facilitate patron and staff use of the system, second to be secure and protect our patrons' privacy and data, and finally to be user-friendly and facilitate patron and staff use of the system. After all, service to our patrons is why we are here!" We are very excited about the next couple of months and the changes they will bring. If you have any questions, be sure and contact us. Our phone number is 842-2941 and our email address is staff@culver.lib.in.us.

The Big Read

Finally, I would like to mention your Library's The Big Read program. There is a press release elsewhere in the Culver Citizen about Dr. Christopher Wheatley, professor and scholar from Washington D.C., so I will not repeat that information here. I will simply mention that his talks at Ancilla College on Thursday October 29 and here at the Library on October 31 will be noteworthy and informative, and you are all invited to attend.

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presentations. The public is welcome. The same day, Culver's VFW Post 6919 will conduct its annual Veteran's Day ceremony in the Culver Masonic cemetery, and Culver Academies will conduct its annual observance the same day at 11 a.m. at the Legion Memorial Building. The public is welcome to all.

Holiday bazaar November 7

The annual "By the Lake" holiday bazaar will take place Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the depot-train station in Culver's town park. As in years past, the bazaar will feature holiday-themed crafts and other items, as well as refreshments. Those with questions may call Lois Curtis at 574-842-2308 or Connie Overmyer at 574-842-2446.

Tree volunteers needed

The Culver Tree Commission is in need of volunteers to help with the planting of 61 trees Saturday, November 7. Volunteers

will meet at 8 a.m. for donuts in the library parking lot. When finished in the early afternoon, we will return to the meeting room in the basement of the library for pizza. If you are able to help out, please let Kay at Town Hall (574-842-2861) know. The results of your volunteer efforts will be seen in Culver for decades to come.

Culver pantry in need

Culver's food pantry, lo-

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cated in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, 397 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, is in desperate need of donations to fill its rapidly-emptying shelves. Needed are non-perishable foods as well as unused, unopened personal hygiene items. The pantry is an ecumenical effort of Culver's Council of Churches, and is operated under the direction of Amy Hutchins. Those with items to donate are encouraged to bring them to the church or contact Hutchins at 574-

842-2598.

Scarecrow contest on hiatus

Culver's annual scarecrow contest, a fall tradition for more than a decade, will be on hiatus this year due to lack of participation, according to Judi Dodge, who has spearheaded the project for the past several years. Dodge expresses regret to the community for the late notice and hopes interest in the contest will revive in the future to facilitate its return.

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Scrapbooking workshop

A scrapbooking workshop will be offered Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 North Plymouth Street in Culver, for ages five to adult. Five to 12 year olds are asked to attend between 8 and 11 a.m., 13 to 17 year olds between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and adults anytime during the work shop. There will be a \$5 fee, which will go to the church. Those with

questions may call Marsha Mahler at 574-542-9899.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net.

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