

HALLOWEEN IN MARKTOWN



All of the photos taken at Halloween 2004 by the Paul Myers of the Marktown Preservation Society are available on our web site at www.marktown.org.

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If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this story speaks for its self!

SPORTS TRADITION CONTINUES IN MARKTOWN: *No. 10 - David Rodriguez -Star QB for EC Cardinals*

High School varsity sports are not new to Marktown by any means and football is no exception. Back in the 1940s and 50s two great notables, Gene Donaldson from the class of '49 and Bill Holzbach class of '50 are but two who went down in the history books due to their athletic prowess on the grid iron. Today is not the day we speak of those from fifty or more years ago. Today is the day we speak of here, now and yes - the future.

The East Chicago Cardinal's Football Team didn't go onto the playoffs. They lost in the very first round. But that's not because they did not try. Try? They darned near killed themselves trying and if you don't believe me watch the video tapes of the games.

2004 was the last year Marktown's own David Rodriguez will play high school football. He is a senior and will hopefully be going onto college next year. But if anyone ever wanted to finish a high school football career with style it was David and his teammates on the field.

What David Rodriguez lacks in size he made up for with the heart of a lion, the compassion of a saint and the determination of the biblical David facing Goliath. While he was but one of the captains of this years team, anyone who attended any of the games this year can tell you that he was by all means the captain of captains and the driving force and inspiration for the entire Cardinal's football team.

Just how determined was David to win? At the game against St. Joe's in South Bend David caught his own pass. He what? HE CAUGHT HIS OWN PASS! Now that's determination!

While Sam Daniels finished third in the entire state for rushing with 171 rushes, a total of more than 1800 yards and an average of more than 200 yards per game, it was David Rodriguez who got him the ball. And while Jamie Stewart finished 4th in the state in receiving with 38 catches and 886 yards, it was once again the team quarterback - David Rodriguez who got him the ball. And when David couldn't get the ball off to one of his team mates, he made the best of things himself. In their final game of the season against

Merrillville, it was David Rodriguez who ran the ball in for the first touch down of the game.

David finished his high school football career seventh in the state for passing. With an excess of 2200 yards (not feet) in the season he set a new E.C. Central season record. With over 180 attempts nearly 60% were completed and of that 30% of those completed were touchdown passes. This gave David Rodriguez two more E.C. Central records. One for the most touchdown passes in a single season and the other as a career record.

While E.C. Central may have been outnumbered on the playing field against schools like Merrillville and Portage, these young men from East Chicago showed us what can be done if you put your mind to it.

I don't know if David Rodriguez will be playing football in college next year, but if he puts as much effort into college as he did this past season of football, this young man is going places in life. Congratulations goes to David Rodriguez, Sam Daniels, Jamie Stewart and all of the other young men on the E.C. Central football team this season! You made us all once again proud to be from East Chicago.



About Gene Dolaldson: Mr. Donaldson was born in 1930. He lived with his parents on Prospect Street here in the Marktown Historic District. He attended Roosevelt High School where he lettered in both football and wrestling. His High School record included All State Guard in 1946 and All State Full Back in 1947; All State Tackle in 1948; Most valuable Player in 1946-48; Outstanding Wrestler in the State and was inducted into the Indiana HS Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1976.

After graduating from E.C.R. in 1949 he went onto play at the University of Kentucky where he graduated in 1953. College honors included All State and All American. Following graduation from college he played for the Cleveland Browns in the 1953 season and then went on to play in the Canadian League in 1956-57. He then coached at Fort Benning, GA for two years.

A new motto for Marktown: Try to leave things better than you found them!

The Story of Two Marktown Women: *Hazel Gaudiose & Beulah Burns*

It isn't a story that we had planned to tell in Marktown Update, but Grandma Burns passed long before we began publishing this newsletter and the recent loss of Hazel Gaudiose reminded those of us who knew these two most remarkable Marktown women just how much they will or have been missed.

"Grandma" Beulah Burns was of all things a great neighbor and quite a character in her own right. Exactly when she moved in with her sister, Mrs. Crocker at 406 Park Street, has probably been lost in time. What she did while she was here will live will all of those who knew her over the years.

She used to tell people that she drank from the fountain of youth while visiting Florida and that alone could probably account for the fact that she lived to be 109 years old. She was born in 1876 in Lancaster, Kentucky. She saw our country go from gas and oil lights to electricity. She saw us go from horses and carriages to horseless carriages. And if she could have been with the Wright Brothers in Kittyhawk, she would have probably bought the first ticket to fly.

She had a house filled with that friendly clutter that one collects over the decades. From original souvenirs from the Columbian Exhibition (1893) to the Chicago World's Fair, (1933) Grandma Burns had it all.

She was married in 1928 and widowed just ten short years later. She used to say that she lived a lifetime in those short ten years. She was preceded in death by her husband and all three children. When her sister, Mrs. Crocker passed, she was comforted by the entire neighborhood. That's what Marktowners have always done - supported each other and this community.

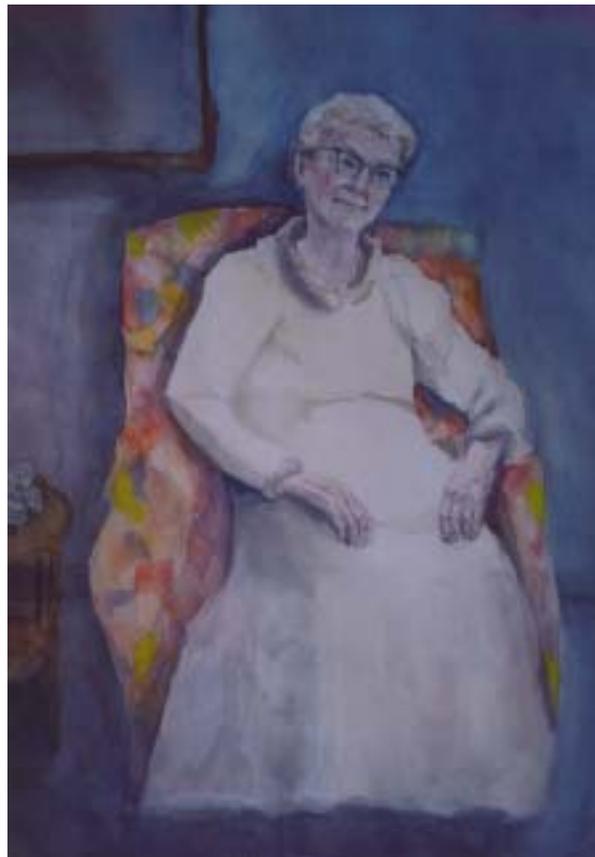
When Grandma Burns turned 100 years old, the United States celebrated it's 200th anniversary and Grandma Burns thought the entire celebration was just for her. A tulip tree was planted in her back yard, a parade was held in her honor and everyone, yes everyone was there to make that day and year special for her. Grandma Burns passed away in August of 1985 and for those of us who knew her, we still miss having her as a neighbor.

Hazel "Sunny" Gaudiose is another transplanted Marktown resident who came here at some point around WWII. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1915 and married a YS&T Co. security guard, Joe Gaudiose. Her mother, Maude Welch lived with her until her passing more than a decade ago.

After Joe passed, Sunny took up painting. Working in oil, acrylic and water colors she produced hundreds of paintings over the years. While she never had a major exhibit of her work, she was known throughout the region for her simple, unforced style.

Back in 1978 she paid Grandma Burns to pose for a water color. While there was an article about the painting in The Hammond Times at that time, many if not all of us had lost track of the painting until her dear friend Della Chiase presented it to Judy Hicks, team coordinator at the Marktown Community Center. While a frame was provided, the painting

needed to be remounted and enclosed in glass. It should be returned to the Marktown Community Center by the end of the year. Hazel "Sunny" Gaudiose passed away on August 9, 2004. These two wonderful women will be missed by those who knew her. This is but one wonderful story of two old Marktown residents who became friends for life while making Marktown their home.



The large water color of Grandma Burns was done by her close friend Hazel Gaudiose back in 1978. It is currently being remounted and will be placed on permanent display at the Old Marktown Community Center in the very near future.

***If it's a good idea... go ahead and do it.
It is much easier to apologize than it is to get permission***

Scrub-a-dub-dub - Restoring That Tub: Ideas For Renovating A Marktown Bathroom.

Marktown bathrooms present a most unique challenge to the homeowner and most especially to larger families. Even though you may really want to or even NEED to do major work on your bathroom, it is difficult if not impossible to do so if you are living in the home at the time. If Marktown homes had two bathrooms it wouldn't be a problem, but unfortunately they don't.

So, where do we begin? Let's start with the water supply. If the hot and cold water supply lines that go to the bathroom have not been replaced since 1917 then you probably have very little water pressure on the second floor. Each of the five floor plans for the original 1917

houses have their own unique problems in how the pipes were routed to the bathroom. If you have a question about the best way to resolve this particular problem, give Paul Myers a call and he can probably walk you through the process. Remember - copper pipes are a great deal better than trying to put galvanized steel back in.

Drain pipes! The water comes in and it has to go back out. Once again, if the cast iron pipe that vents to the roof and carries the waste water to the sanitary sewer has not been replaced, then you should probably do it when you renovate your bathroom. Questions? Call Paul Myers. He's done several of them.

Now to the fun part. Remodeling and redecorating. Let's start with the floor. Without a good

solid floor you will always have problems down the line. Check around the commode to see that the floor has not deteriorated from prolonged exposure to water. If it has, the floor and sub-floor around the commode may have to be replaced. Once that's done you might consider either a ceramic tile or one piece vinyl floor. Personally I recommend the one piece vinyl as it is easier to maintain and service.

Electrical. The electrical code calls for special GFI receptacles in the bathroom and the kitchen. If you are remodeling

need work and they probably do, now is the time. DO NOT attempt to drywall over any of the original plaster. There is little enough room and clearance in the bathroom without shaving of precious inches from the space. Repair the plaster if at all possible and if not, then remove the plaster and install the drywall. In bathrooms the preferred product is called "green board" which has a built in moisture barrier designed for use in wet spaces.

Sink and tubs. While many may want a built in vanity, there usually isn't enough room to accommodate one. Think about a pedestal sink. They are very affordable, come in several sizes, styles and colors. They don't take up as much floor space and they look great. Don't even think about restoring the old wall mount sink.

They are museum pieces and do not allow for the faucet mixture of the hot and cold water.

The bath tub should become your shining glory. They can be refinished in your home or sent out to be restored to their original condition. The faucets and drain pipes are readily available at Milne Supply in Munster. As for a shower: try

Renovators Supply. The solid brass unit shown here works out fine. As for the bathroom door, if you have an original you might want to restore it as it provides light in the upstairs hall way. In this case a special towel rack has been added which saves wall space.



either space don't forget to include GFIs and don't forget to take out the required permits or hire a licensed contractor to do the work. Light fixtures are your choice, but keep it simple and try to provide lighting on two adjoining walls. Lights above or along the side of the medicine cabinet are a must. Don't forget to do the electrical work BEFORE you do the walls and ceiling. Take the project step by step and plan it out BEFORE you begin!

Walls and ceiling. If they

**Let's Work Together To Preserve Marktown's Unique History
And Architecture For Future Generations**

"You Say Good-by and I'll Say Hello, Hello, Hello" *Judy Grindey Retires and Ms Maria Returns!*

Things are changing. Slowly but surely, things are changing. This past month saw the announcement and the eventual realization that Judy Grindey was retiring from the Parks and Recreation Department where she worked for twenty-two years. Most of those years were spent here at the Old Marktown Community Center. Right about the time the center was being remodeled under the Coastal Redevelopment project which was brought about by Mayor Robert A. Pastrick, Judy Grindey hired into the Parks and Recreation Department.

While the announcement of her retirement came as a surprise to many of us, Judy did say that it will give her more time to travel, visit her grandchildren and work out! She served more than two generations of Marktown children while working at the Old Marktown Community Center and she will be missed by one and all.

While Ms Judy was saying her good-bys, Ms Maria Perez, the tutor that was so loved by our children, was say-



ing "Hello, Hello, Hello." As we reported in the April 2004 issue of Marktown Update, Ms Maria Perez was reassigned to Bessie Owens Center. Immediately after her departure from Marktown a number of people protested her departure. Javier Madrigal walked a petition throughout the neighborhood. It was delivered to the Parks Department by him and Kim Rodriguez. Letters were written, telephone calls were made and all to no avail.

On Tuesday, October 19 Lulu Hicks held a P.A.C.A. breakfast. As Mayor Pastrick was the guest speaker, Lulu took the opportunity to once again ask for her return. This time it worked and Ms Maria was returned to the Marktown Community Center the very next day. While it was reported that her return is probationary (three week trial basis) we can only hope that if something happens to remove her once again, that Lourdes Munoz-Hicks will once again intervene on the behalf of the children of our community. Welcome back Ms Maria! Thanks Lulu!

Marktown Branch Library - A Place to Remember!

Did you know that Marktown once had its own branch library? We did! It was first opened on January 16, 1939 at the insistence of the Marks P.T.A. According to the articles in Marktown on the Party Line Elizabeth Wier was our very first librarian. The library was located behind the barber shop and the only way you could get to it was through the alley.

The sign shown on the right was the original plywood sign. It was bright red with white letters shadowed in black. Long after the library had closed the sign had blown down. Jim Davids, who had married Carol Kasper, returned to Marktown for a visit when he spotted the old sign and took it home for safe keeping. Carol (Kasper) Davids was kind enough to return the sign to the people of Marktown this past month.

Other Marktown librarians included Corrine Fernando, Pat O'Brien and Ann Pollack. Rose Weir's daughter, Loraine (Weir) Pollack would later serve as a substitute librarian at the same branch where her Aunt served as our first librarian. The Marks Branch Library remained open until about 1985. Maybe, just maybe if they build a new center in Marktown we will once again have a branch library.

Right: Rose Wier is seen on the left with her son Larry on the right. Our first Marks Branch Librarian, Elizabeth Wier is shown in the center.

Below: The original Marks Branch Library sign was saved by Marktown Jim Davids. It was stored in his garage in Griffith for many years before finding its way back to Marktown this past month.



***The Marktown Preservation Society is preserving the past
for future generations of Marktown, East Chicago, Indiana and the nation!***

Marktown on the Party Line - Now on the Internet!

What was a Party Line? Back before cellular telephones we had our regular cordless telephones. Before cordless we had standard touch tone phones. Before touch tone we had dial phones and before dial phones we had operator assisted telephones only. With the operator assisted telephones we also had what was known as a "**Party Line**" system in which several families in the same neighborhood could all listen in on each others telephone calls. While each home had a special ring, if one family was on the telephone, the other family could not call out or receive calls, but they could listen in - hence the name **Party Line**.

Between the late 1920s and the early 1950s Jessie Stewart, a stenographer for YS&T Co., lived in Marktown and served as a correspondent for the Bulletin; the company magazine. While we are sure that she wrote articles about steel manufacturing we know for sure that she wrote an ongoing series of articles titled "**Marktown on the Party Line.**"

Mrs. Bruner, friend of hers and a fellow Marktown resident clipped copies of many of the articles and placed them in two scrap books. Eventually the scrap books were given to Jim Bruner, Mrs. Bruner's only son. Jim lived on Park Street next door to the McCormick's. When Jim passed away a number of years ago his family cleaned out the house and threw the two scrapbook in the dumpster.

Juanita and Vito McCormick managed to

save the two rare volumes. At some point after that they were loaned to the Marktown Preservation Society (MPS) who made a set of photo copies. One page of the original scrap book is shown on the next page.

For older Marktowners who lived here decades ago, these rare glimpses of life in Marktown are truly a link to their past. For the past 15 years the MPS has had copies of the scrap books printed and custom bound. While we are still making limited editions available for sale we have decided to publish the entire set in PDF format on the official Marktown web page at www.marktown.org.

From 1944 we have this quote:

"When I say 'Marktown on the Party Line,' I'm not kidding. The morning of January 18 found the lines red hot with the news of the death of one of the young women in town. The lady, very much alive and all fixed up with her new permanent, learned after several puzzling telephone calls, that she had been reported dead. Emphatically denying it, the calls were traced to the source of the startling news and the lady was finally resurrected."

We hope our readers will find this glimpse into our past of interest. For those of you on the internet we hope you will visit our web site and enjoy these most delightful articles. If you have any questions about **Marktown on the Party Line** please feel free to call Paul at (219) 397-2239 or Email him.

Marktown on the Party Line - 21st Century Edition

Mr. & Mrs. John Baker of Prospect Street spent a wonderful Saturday with family members on September 18th. The occasion was their 69th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1935 and moved into Marktown in 1948 where they raised their family of three daughters and one son. The photo was taken by their very good friend Ruth Breclaw. John was a pipe fitter and spent many years at Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and LTV Steel. He is an avid gardener, a dedicated husband and a servant of his church. John and his wife Elizabeth are both 89 years old, but you wouldn't know it to talk to them.

We are very pleased to feature the entire Baker family in this edition of Marktown Update and wish them many, many more years together in our neighborhood.



From left to right: Mrs Karen Baker (daughter-in-law) with daughter Catherine (granddaughter), Joan Baker (daughter), Jean Baker (daughter), Dr. Phillip Baker (son who works for the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland), Elizabeth Baker, John Baker, Stephen Baker (great-grandson), Chris Baker (grandson) and Delores Saczana (daughter). A Marktown family you should know!

On the internet and want to reach us? Try: mrmarktown@sbcglobal.net

MARKTOWN ON THE PARTY LINE

We are all glad to see Evelyn White out again although she is minus her appendix.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Pittsburgh spent the holidays with Mrs. Roy Cornell, their daughter.

The Marktown Reporter almost caught up with some real dirt the other day when she came upon Martha Krause, Helen Halford, Mrs. Rodman and Mrs. Schmidt gabbing on the corner of Oak Avenue and Spring Street but Old Eagle Eye, Martha, spied her in time to warn the rest and they beat it in their respective directions. Darn, it must have been good.

It must cost the city of East Chicago a pretty penny to pay for the Holiday lights strung on their main streets; maybe that is why they have to save the rest of the year on street lights in Marks. We're just a necessary evil until some one wants elected! Phooey!

At a recent Pinechle game between George Taylor, Roy Cornell and Smitty, eight aces were dealt to Smitty by himself; the other two fellows are still trying to find out if that is according to Hoyle!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of School Street on the Blessed Event which occurred during December.

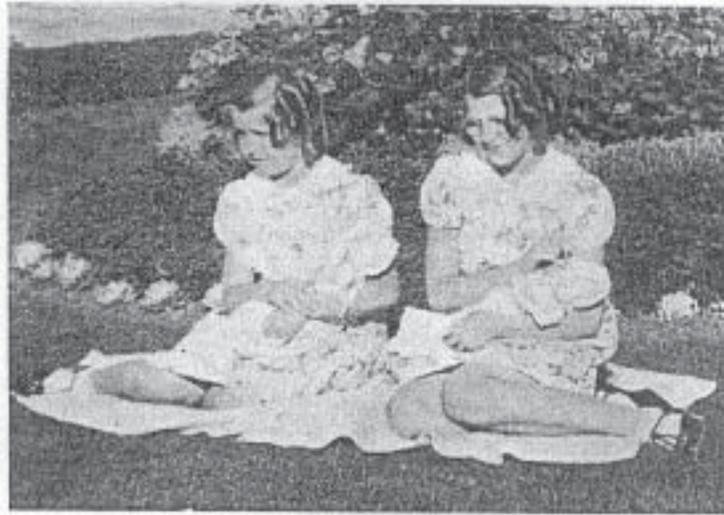
Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Roy White in the loss of their infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Schneck of Prospect Street are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Richard Edward, December 19th. Congratulations!

Lon Finchum has a pair of boy's skates, size 5, that he would like to sell. The price is \$1.75. See Lon, if interested.



This, dear friends, is our very eminent grocer, George Johnson. This picture was taken about 15 years ago. It must have taken him that long to raise that misplaced eyebrow he has on his upper lip today.



These two little girls are Janet Charlene and Charlotte Jean, daughters of Beala Linberg of the Accounting Department. They are the nieces of Margaret Heidrick of the Order and Shipping Department and she thinks they're just about the sweetest girls ever. They seem to be giving their dollies a nice sun bath.



This picture is of the Marktown ice skating rink. You can judge the success of this rink by the happy expression on the faces of the youngsters. Whoever was responsible for this venture certainly has our most sincere thanks.



Ross and Rita, the Johnson twins, are cowering right along as shown in this picture.

This is but one of the more than 260 pages of Marktown on the Party Line that will appear on the official Marktown Historic District web page at

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Images From The Past: Marktown Up Close



You never know just what you will find in a Marktown attic. If you don't believe this just ask Peter Hernandez of 406 Lilac Street. This last summer he was cleaning up in the attic and found this wonderful photo whom he thought was Rachael and Harlin (Jack) Walls, the former owners of the property.

It didn't take a great deal of research to find that their daughter, Linda (Walls) Gregorich is still in the area. We contacted Mrs. Gregorich and sent her a print of the original photograph. Guess what? It isn't her parents, but more importantly it is her grandparents on her mother's side. Seen here are Sally and David West who never lived in Marktown. They did however visit here on occasion. They lived happily in Morgantown, West Virginia all of their lives.

The original photograph and frame measures 14" X 18". While it was donated to the Marktown Preservation Society by Mr. Hernandez, we will be forwarding it to the Gregorich family just in time for Christmas. Doesn't this make you want to see what is in your attic? Happy hunting and don't forget the MPS!

Marktown Update Now Available On The Internet

Know of someone who would like to see Marktown Update? Looking for some of those back issues that you didn't receive or have misplaced or loaned out? No need to look any further than the official Marktown Historic District web page at www.marktown.org.

We would like to take just a moment to

express our thanks and appreciation to Bob Bender for being the Web Master for Marktown.

We would also like to point out that the current issue of Marktown Update is also available on the official City of East Chicago web page at www.eastchicago.com. Go to the "attractions" section and scroll down to Marktown!

SPECIAL THANKS TO CJ PRINTING OF HIGHLAND

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation Chuck Pease, owner of CJ Printing of Highland, Indiana for having graciously donated the cost of the color center section of the October 2004 issue of Marktown Update. While we could have printed this very special memorial in black and white, it was

obvious to us that the most untimely and unprecedented death of PFC Luis Perez merited a final tribute in color. When we approached Mr. Pease about donating the cost of the color copy he did not even hesitate in the decision. We thank him for his assistance in memorializing PFC Perez and in all of his assistance over the years.



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