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Sports spectacular

April 4
Culver Community Middle and High School announces Sports Spectacular, which will take place on April 4 from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the high school gym. Cost is \$3.00 for everyone. Volleyball starts at 6 p.m. and re-lays will start at 6:30. Dance contest at 8:30 and all school dance 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Jazz Cafe at CHS April 5

The Culver High School Music Boosters announces its second annual "Jazz Cafe" on April 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. CHS musical groups Jazz Street and Toast and Jam will perform, and a New Orleans style dinner will take place starting at 6 p.m., including Cajun chicken, red beans & rice, cornbread, and peach cobbler. Show time is 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door, and the event will take place in the CHS cafeteria.

Wesley preschool registration

Registration for Wesley Preschool begins Saturday, April 13th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the preschool room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street. The preschool offers two classes, a junior and senior. To qualify for the junior class, children must be three by Aug. 1, 2008. To qualify for the senior class, your must be four by Aug. 1, 2008.

The junior class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the cost is \$64 per month. The senior class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and cost is \$92 per month. There is a registration fee of \$40, which also covers the supplies for the school year. Please contact Wesley UMC with any questions at (574) 842-2900.

Grace pancakes and sausage April 5

Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage supper Saturday, April 5 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids 6-12. Carry-outs are available.

EMS offers blood pressure checks, EMT classes

The Culver Union Township EMS will hold its next monthly blood pressure clinic on Saturday, April 4, inside the Culver Public Li-

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Sign of the season?

Above: Elaine Giudice, second from left, shares some newly-arrived spring weather on the Culver beach with her grandchildren, (from left) Emily Worden, age seven, and twins Meghan Worden and Mackenzie Worden, age nine. The girls, with their brother Colin and mother Christine (not pictured), are visiting from Plainfield, IL.



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Support team

Above: The Easterday family (excepting recently born twins Austin and Aiden Day). Bottom Row, left to right: Steven Pugh, Suzanne Pugh, Landon Day, Julie Day, Casey Easterday. Top row: Joe Easterday, Josh Pugh, Karen and Greg Easterday, Dave Day, and Richard Easterday.

'Team Easterday' carries survivor's story to Relay

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor
On April 18, when Culver's first-ever Relay for Life - and one of the only Relays organized and held at a high school, the Culver Academy - Karen Easterday and her team will be there. Making up a portion of that team are members of another team that dates back to the years before Karen's 2002 battle with cancer, "Team Easterday."

band, Culver dentist Greg Easterday, "always talked about "Team Easterday," recalls Karen. But when news of Karen's cancer reached the family, "we really became "Team Easterday."

"I had a very aggressive cancer...I had a devastating prognosis," she says. "By all rights I shouldn't have survived, but here I am. There is a higher force here."

Recalling her and her family's response to the diagnosis is still an emotional

experience for the couple. "You go through so many thought processes," Karen says. "What you're going to miss, how can you make sure that everyone knows how you feel (about them)? I don't know that you can. You look at every single thing differently. (Life) will never be the same."

"Karen thought she would never see her grandchildren," Greg remembers somberly. "I wanted (Greg) to tell

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Schuldt to retire as superintendant -- sort of

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow
Culver - Veteran administrators of the Culver Community School Corp. will retire effective June 20, 2008 but will be rehired by the board of trustees on August 4, 2008. Due to newly enacted Indiana SB 51, Brad Schuldt, superintendent, and Jerry Hollenbaugh, vocational director can retire for a 30 day period. They can then be rehired in the same position but the corporation will no longer be responsible for contributions to the Teacher Retirement Fund

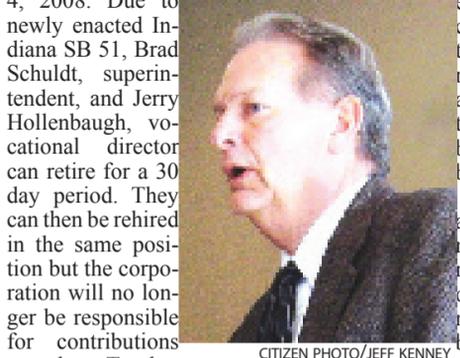
Schuldt explained that due to so many qualified teacher's reaching retirement age, the previous requirement of a 90 day waiting period to be rehired has been waived. The TRF account for these teachers will be capped at the date of retirement and no further contributions will be made.

Schuldt also announced the resignation of Brett Berndt, basketball coach. Berndt will continue as a teacher with the corporation. Chris Kline, board member, expressed his appreciation for Berndt's comments and demeanor as coach of the successful Sectional team.

Schuldt announced that the appeal of the AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) report for Culver Elementary School was successful. The Indiana Board of Education has approved the appeal and although CES will remain in a year one status, if AYP is made next year, all sanctions will be removed. The year one status means that students must be given a choice of schools in the corporation.

Approximately six students chose to go to Monterey Elementary for this school year. Although Math and Science scores were satisfactory, lack of attendance due to illness caused CES not to make AYP. Schuldt congratulated the hard work of Chuck Kitchell, principal, and the school improvement team. The circuit breaker law enacted by the Indiana legisla-

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Brad Schuldt



Patriot's pen

Right: Aspen Kitchell, left, holds award materials given her by Culver's VFW for an essay she wrote for the national Patriot's Pen contest, "Why am I a Patriotic American?" The eighth grader took first place and also received a cash prize. The VFW's Rich Kelso, right, introduced winners.

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Bill Clinton's recent visit in the eyes of Culverites

Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor
When former US president Bill Clinton stopped on March 24 in nearby Rochester to stump for his wife, Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton, there were several Culver faces amongst the many in the crowd.

Clinton firsthand to get their impressions of the former president's speech.

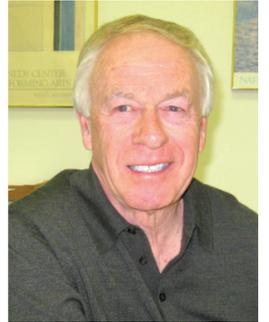
Bob Kline says he has also seen John F. and Bobby Kennedy, and now adds Clinton to the list. "I loved the speech. He just made it very clear what Hillary's position is on her issues. He was reiterating



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Above: former US president Bill Clinton, left, flanked by former Ind. governor Joe Kernan, during Clinton's March 24 visit to Rochester.

Below: Bob Kline was one of several in Culver to attend the event.



The Citizen caught up with a few of those who saw

and reinforcing Hillary's position on everything. "The Rochester gym was virtually filled. You had to sign a document stating who you were, your name, address, email, and phone. Security people were all over the place.

"He has such a wonderful demeanor with people. He just stood up and (his speech) just rolled...I thought it was good that he made the effort

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to let people in the area know that he cares. He did make a comment that this is a year where Indiana will make a difference (in the presidential election). I think people were very excited about that. There was a nice contingency from Culver. I liked Bill Clinton I think he's fine.”

Norma Lorenc lives in Argos but is a familiar face to many in Culver for her work at Coldwell real estate on Main Street. “I really enjoyed it very much because last thing I got to see was Bobby Kennedy when he was in Peru for his whistle stop speech. It was a very, very good speech. I liked a lot of the things he had to say. One of the things that really stood out in my mind was the fact that Hillary does have a plan in place to bring the troops home, and that's very important.”

“He really touched on the economy, which we all know

just got involved in something they don't understand. It could happen to anyone. Affordable health care is another issue he touched on, and that's also very important.”



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Norma Lorenc

“I just thought it was really tremendous that he made an effort to stop someplace like Rochester. I was enthralled at being that close to a president. It was pretty neat. He's one of the only people that

1968,” says Kathleen Kline, “Indiana's voice in the presidential primary matters. I have both Hillary and Obama stickers on my car... indicative that I am torn between two great candidates. I also wanted my four kids to have the opportunity to see President Clinton in person and see our political process in action.”

“The President's speech was both inspirational and engaging. In 45 minutes he covered issues ranging from the wars in the Middle East, the mortgage crisis,



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Kathleen Kline.

the national economic situation; healthcare, how we are viewed by the rest of the world and how Senator Clinton is the best person in the race to address these and many other issues facing our Country.

“Afterwards, we were able to shake hands and speak briefly with Governor Kernan and President Clinton. The President also signed my copy of Hillary's autobiography. We will always remember this day.”

David Baker of Culver — who attended the event with his wife -- says he was “amazed that he gave four different speeches the same day. We're for Obama, but this was our first time seeing a former president. I'm glad these people are coming to Indiana to get us to participate.”

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them that I would have been a really great grandmother. This was our youngest son's senior year (in high school), and I wanted to get to his graduation...you can't even begin to think of all you want to do.”

Both Karen and Greg say there were “no more two shocked people” when the doctor told gave them the news everyone fears to hear. “I went through chemo first,” Karen explains. “I had a bilateral mastectomy, but there was still cancer. Then I had massive radiation; the cancer was clear back on my chest wall, so they radiated from four different directions.”

“We had a real advocate in the breast care center (at Memorial hospital in South Bend),” says Greg. “She always told us straight what was going on, she gave us information and we read and read. She cried with us. We never asked the physician for a prognosis, and he never gave one. We knew it was ugly.”

“I didn't want a timeline,” Karen adds. “I was going to fight it. The books don't tell you everything. It's just like tests in school: they can't measure the drive, the grit, and someone's desire to succeed...they can't test my desire to live and survive. I worked hard to have a good attitude; I treasured every single day.”

And Greg had his cross to bear as Karen's spouse. “Cancer just is wicked. It's awful watching the one you love go through what she went through. All you can do is support them. I learned to do a lot of things I never learned to do before.”

Karen says that their children — Julie (now Day), Suzanne (Pugh), Richard, and Joe -- joined in the support, too, and once again the family then became “Team Easterday.” “I remember when she was first diagnosed,” says daughter Suzanne. “We all pulled together, everyone. We went to all the doctor appointments, the radiation, the chemo, as much as we could. We knew she was going to beat this. As a family and a community we pulled together to help her fight this, even if it was just needing a shoulder to cry on. We were always stopping by.”

For several months, Karen and her family endured the difficulty of treatment. “With my type of ...cancer, the likelihood of recurrence

is greatest in the first five years; after that, it goes down drastically. I hit five years on Labor Day last year.”

“I also sat for many weeks with Vicky Mahler (who passed away last year from cancer),” Karen says. “It was hard, but it was a wonderful healing thing for me to do. In the middle of the night, she would say to me, ‘I want people to remember me.’ I said this to her every night: ‘Only the good goes on.’ I don't want the kids to remember all the times I yelled! You can't have four kids and not fall apart. I wanted them to remember the good things about me and create more. I told Vick that only the good goes on. Once you love someone, they stay in your heart forever.”

“Life is fragile. I want people to hold that hand and read that book, take time to listen to each other, answer that question. Every day is special.”

It was last year that Karen saw a mention in the newspaper of Relay for Life in Culver. Culver Academies student Ashley Eberhart — one of the principle organizers of the local rally -- contacted Karen and brought her into the event. Karen was on hand to speak at the Culver Academy Relay kick-off event, the Marshall County Relay, and the kick-off event at Culver High School last month. She had already participated in Relays in Westfield, where daughter Julie and her family live, and in nearby Rochester. “I have wanted to be part of a local Relay for five years,” she says. “I was so excited when I heard that the community was involved...there's a lot of value in coming together and acknowledging that we've had this loss of a family member or that somebody's gone through this.”

“I struggled with the term, ‘cancer survivor.’ In fact, before I started chemo, they had a Walk to Win in Culver, and they came to me across the park and handed me this ‘survivor’ hat. I didn't want to put it on. I hadn't started treatment yet. It was kind of like if I put that hat on it was really real...I'm not bragging that I'm a survivor, but I am proud that I survived it. More than anything, it makes you thankful for every day. Those days when the sun doesn't shine...I'm still thankful.”

“She's in training to walk the half-marathon in Indianapolis in May,” notes Greg

proudly. “I'm going to run it, and I'm going to get to watch her finish.”

“One of the things we saw during treatment,” he continues. “Is that cancer crosses all boundaries. That's the neat thing about the Relay in Culver: it's crossing all boundaries to pull together this community. We are all one when it comes to cancer.”

Donna Oquendo, one member of the Easterday's Relay team, agrees. “I'm just really excited that it's come to Culver and we can bring the Academy kids that have started it there, and the people in town, together. This is a big step.”

“I'm in the medical field,” adds Oquendo. “So doing what I can to help with research and prevention of cancer is very important. Karen and I have been close for many years, so her experience with cancer touched me. My mother (former Culver Citizen editor Arlene Nix) passed away going on four years ago with cancer; it has touched everyone's life in one way or another.”

Oquendo adds that her eight-year old twins will be on hand at the Rally. “They're pretty excited,” she says.

Suzanne Pugh will join all of her siblings (with the exception of sister Julie, who with husband Dave Day recently had twins) on the Relay team as well. “I'm very happy to have one in my hometown where I've grown up. I just pray we can find a cure so that when people go to the doctor and find out they have cancer, it's not a disease that will take their life...if people come together to fight this, they're going to survive.”

They will join Karen and Greg, Joe Easterday, Sarah Banks, (Suzanne's husband) Josh Pugh, Peggy Mattox, Stacy Mattox, Richard and Casey Easterday, Deanna Allyn (also a daughter of Arlene Nix), Lori Macabee, Carolyn Hamman, Jerry Banks, and Anita Banks on the team at Relay on April 18.

“I think it's that power of hope that brings us all together,” adds Karen. “And the luminaries (each to honor a cancer victim at the Relay): when you look at those luminaries, if you see your name on a luminary bag, it is humbling. Make that luminary, acknowledge that person in your life. It's a powerful experience, Relay for Life.”



PHOTO/PAUL PARE
Above: Clinton spoke with no notes for about 45 minutes.

is a complete mess now, and how many people are losing their homes, people that actually have good credit, but

I have love to hear speak about politics, second only to JFK.”

“For the first time since

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brary from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a free service to the community, and everyone is encouraged to take part. Culver Union Township offers free blood pressure screening at different sites around the community on the first Saturday of each month.

Culver Union Township EMS will be hosting a Basic EMT class beginning on Aug. 11 and running

through Nov. 24. The course cost is \$525, which includes the textbook and clinical shirt. Anyone interested in taking the class is encouraged to contact the EMS at (574) 842-2773. Application packets will be available beginning April 1. Deadline to sign up for the course is June 20.

Trinity Bible study
The Community Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran

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Church (330 Academy Road) on the topic of Marriage and Family continues every Wednesday in April.

Upcoming sessions include: April 9 - The Building Blocks (Building a lasting relationship); April 16 - The Finances (Family stewardship of money); April 23 - The New Addition (The blessings of children); April 30 - The Maintenance (Family spiritual life). The Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, you may call the church office at 842-3175.

Gouwens to debut renovated carillon April 13

John Gouwens, Organist and Carillonneur of The Academies, will present his annual faculty organ recital at the Memorial Chapel on Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. EDT. This will be the first recital performance employing the Doppelflöte and two new resultant 32-foot stops recently added to the organ. The Culver organ went through a dramatic renovation in 2006-7, and those improvements are also still in place. More details will appear in next week's paper.

Citizen has cell phone number

CULVER —Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at (574) 261-7887. Those wishing to contact the editor are encouraged to use this number.

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Tree Commission plans annual planting

by Judy Sawhook

We may (or may not) have seen the last of this season's snow. But the sap is flowing and if you turn your gaze upward, you'll see that Culver's trees are beginning to bud. It is, once again, a good time to start thinking about tree pruning and planting.

More than a few of Culver's over 800 street trees (trees between the streets and sidewalks), while beautiful, are mature or are already dying. Perhaps not as apparent, is the fact that many of our trees are at a high risk of disease. There are also nearly 1,000 vacant sites, where street trees could be planted.

The Culver Tree Commission was formed in 2006 to see what could be done to preserve the beauty and charm that our trees provide to the community. Among their achievements has been a professional survey of the street trees, the obtaining of grants to purchase trees, facilitating Culver's designation as A Tree City, and the planting of trees last year. As you make your way around town, you can still easily spot those trees by their colorful tags.

Plans are underway for an additional planting this year on Sat. April 26th. If you don't mind getting your hands in the dirt, or just enjoy being outside on a beautiful day, keep this date in mind. Why? More information, and a call for volunteers to assist with this planting of about 50 trees, will be forthcoming. This will be a wonderful opportunity for individuals, as well as groups, to provide several hours of service to the community.

Members of the Tree Commission are Mike Stallings, Dick Brantingham, Judy Campbell, Judy Sawhook, Tom Kearns

Letter to the editor

Tuesday night, March 25, the Culver-Union Township Library Board awarded a \$57,000 contract to remodel the children's room. Keep in mind that our library was expanded and remodeled less than six years ago.

Our library serves Union Township which includes Culver. It has a board of seven members -- all appointed, none elected. They receive no pay and meet at least once a month. For this they deserve our appreciation. However, the Board members have forgotten that their duty is to represent the 3,200 citizens of our community -- not to be unbridled promoters for the library, and not to be unrestrained spenders of taxpayer money. Let me explain:

There are 239 libraries in Indiana. Only two of them spend more (per capita) than we do. Our operating expenses are more than three times greater than the state average; we have 3.5 times more staff, and 10 times as many public-use computers. Even so, over the last four months the library board has shown no signs of getting spending under control: \$17,000 for architectural work; \$63,000 to renovate a meeting room; \$40,000 for new computers; \$57,000 to remodel the children's room and \$10,000 to furnish it.

They continue to spend even while recently they learned the library was \$45,000 over budget in 2007, and will likely need \$22,000 for a new furnace. All this spending while we still owe \$2 million for the construction of six years ago.

After a long day of work few people want to spend their free time going to a library meeting. Instead, we trust the board to be prudent as they watch over our interests and hard earned money.

Unfortunately, the board interprets low attendance at their meetings as a license to spend. They need to know that frugality ranks high among their responsibilities.

Alfred Nyby, Culver

Name: WEEKLY

Death notice

**Homer Miller
March 27, 2008**

GROVERTOWN — Homer Miller, 56, died Thursday, March 27, 2008 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; sister, Rita (Butch) Mullins of Grovertown; and brothers: Arnie and Richard (Pat) Miller, all of Grovertown, Raymond (Trella) Miller of Salyersville, Ky. and Lee (Angie) Miller of Bremen.

Funeral services were Monday, March 31 at 11 a.m. EDT at the Gospel Lighthouse Church of Delong. Burial will be in the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. Visitation was Sunday, March 30 at the church from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT and Monday after 10 a.m. until the time of services at the church. A prayer service were held Sunday at 6 p.m. EDT at the church.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, handled the arrangements.

Birth announcements

Hayne

Andrew and Stacey Hayn of Hamlet announce the birth of a daughter born Dec. 6, 2007 at Starke Memorial Hospital of Knox.

Izabelle Elizabeth Hayn weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Linda Beaver of Argos and Doug Denton of Monterey. Paternal grandparents are Martha and Loren Hayn of Argos.

Green

Jamie and Lena Green, 2503 Captain's Court, Rochester, are the parents of a son born at 9:45 a.m. Mon., March 24 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, Indiana.

Jordan James weighed 10 pounds, two ounces, and measured 22 and a half inches. He joins Kristian Michael, 10, and Dustin LeVoid, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Brenda Brockman, Westchester and John Brockman, also of Westchester, Indiana.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Diane Green, Culver. Jordan James was born on Jim's birthday!

Maternal great-grandmother is Loerna Brake of Modoc, Indiana.

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ture will have small impact on the financial well-being of the Culver School Corp. Schuldt announced. The shortfall for Culver will be approximately \$1,627 due to the high tax base of the corporation. Other area schools will not fare as well with Plymouth facing a shortfall of \$115,375, Argos - \$30,677, Bremen - \$45,031 and Triton - \$28,074.

The BPA have done it again with eight members going to Reno in May for Nationals. Students Kasi Browning, Ky-

lie Gunder, Ben Haut, Lyndsey Fisher, Myles Pinder and Brianna Wilson have qualified while Fisher and Shannon Dunfee will join Gunder as representatives of Indiana state officers. Joining the group also, will be Justine Hoesel who received a 4th in Desktop Publishing. Also reaching the second stage was Ashley Jones, Linley Master, Dunfee, Alex Hnatkusko and Ashley Zehner.

The Culver Middle School band under the direction of Jason Crittendon, received

a Gold Rating plaque with high marks from all three judges at the recent Indiana State School Music Association Organizational Contest. This is the first gold rating since 2003.

Board members also congratulated Carin Clifton, CCHS food director, on her receipt of the 2007 Friend of Extension from the Marshall County Extension Board at their Purdue Extension meeting. Clifton has been active in the 4H program for 25 years.

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.

Thurs., April 3: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, bread & margarine, milk.

Fri., April 4: Chicken & broccoli casserole, beets, sweet potato patty, mandarin oranges, apple pie, milk.

Mon., April 7: Sloppy Joe & bun, tossed salad, diced tomatoes, shredded cheese,

corn, pineapple, milk.

Tues., April 8: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, bread & margarine, peaches, milk.

Weds., April 9: Chicken Breast & gravy, mashed potatoes, bread & margarine, spinach or greens, mandarin oranges, fig newton, milk.

Thurs., April 10: Cabbage Roll, corn on the cob, tomato and cucumber salad, banana pudding, wheat dinner roll & margarine, milk.

Fri., April 11: Chicken Chop Suey, rice, cottage cheese, fruit cocktail, pie, milk.

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 3

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Board of zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 pm, town hall.

Friday, April 4

Sports spectacular, 7 p.m., Culver High School gymnasium

Monday, April 7

Knitting Class, 10 a.m. & 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

Lions Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., train station/depot
Parks & recreation board meeting, 7 p.m., town hall

Thursday, April 10

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
State Rep. Nancy Dembowski, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Sign language class, 4 p.m., Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Upcoming Highlights, April, 2008:

Relay for life, Culver Academy, April 18
St. Joseph Health Ctr. gala, April 18
Dancevision, Culver Academy, April 26
Carillon recital, Culver Academy April 26

Police blotter

Michael L. Wagenknecht, 53, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Sreven C. Martin, 67, of Francesville was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Brenda S. Sheldon, 53, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Jesse E. Moore, 24, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Richard F. Hinsey, 22, of Rochester, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Thomas G. Panting, 22, of Granger was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Robin L. Knowles, 54, of Rochester, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Aimee L. Rivera, 25, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Rex Allen, Jr. 21, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Joanne Robbins, 42, Monterey, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Betsy J. Jackson, 47, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Tonya J. Koenemann, 20, of Plymouth, was issued a citation on March 14 for seatbelt violation.

Robert A. Nowalk, 54, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 17 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 43 in a 20 mph zone.

Crystal L. Porman, 20, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 17 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 64 mph in a 45 mph zone.

Angel Rodriguez, Jr., 18, of Ft. Meyers, FL, was issued a citation on March 22 for seatbelt violation.

Megan C. Vaupel, 20, of Salina, KS, was issued a citation on March 22 for seatbelt violation.

Kevin Back, 51, of Culver, was issued a citation on March 22 for seatbelt violation.

Holly A. Bunkowfst, 26, of Knox, was issued a citation on March 24 for exceeding posted speed limit, 44 mph in a 20 mph zone.

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Choices at Easter

Civics 101?

I deem it a real privilege to have the opportunity to share some thoughts in these columns. Many in our world recently celebrated the feast of Easter! For Christians in the Eastern Churches Easter aligns itself with the Jewish feast of Passover. The celebration of Easter marks the point in history when many people believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead! It is the resurrection that gives us the reason to hope. I invite you all to take a moment and reflect on the question Jesus posed to His apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" The way we answer that question will have a profound impact on how we live our lives and how we treat other people. There are many ways we can answer that question.

good as He was as a man - was not God and places no real demands on one's life.

Others may say it is just a simple myth; Jesus was not even a real guy. It was just

center of the universe and of history." God loves us with a good father's love! When we come to accept Jesus as Lord, it transforms the way we look at the world. We have the capacity to love people and use the things of this world. When we fail to see Christ as Lord we tend to use people and love things. (There certainly are exceptions to this)

When Jesus becomes more than merely a concept, all our difficulties are also transformed. When Jesus is real to us, we support His work and it is what gives life and work its meaning.

The mystery of Easter brings light and meaning to all the difficulties that we experience. Jesus prayed that the cup pass, but the resurrection was God's glorious answer to His suffering. We too may have "a cup that we would like to not take," but rest assured that God has in store for us a glorious resurrection.

I invite you to search for the truth, and you will not be disappointed. If you put your trust and walk in the ways of Christ, you will know His love, peace and Truth! I believe that Christ is Risen, that truly He is Risen!

Pastor's Corner



By Fr. Glenn Kohrman
St. Mary of the Lake
Catholic Church

a fabrication so others could have religious influence over others; just a tool of manipulation and deceit. Religion, as Karl Marx said, is simply the opium of the people, a drug that deadens them to the realities of life...something that clouds the senses and pretends that something is better than it really is; simply something that is not true!

Still others respond with, "He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus is God, and the only God who can save us. We understand to some degree what John Paul II said in his first encyclical letter, *Redemptor Hominis*, "THE REDEEMER OF MAN, Jesus Christ, is the

Culver's town council is currently facing a difficult decision, which boils down to whether

to spend less money and get a repaving job on Lake Shore Drive that will last about ten years (give or take), or spend substantially more and get a repaving job that will theoretically be fairly low maintenance for the next quarter-century (again, give or take).

In terms most of us are familiar with, this is akin to decisions many of us make like whether to buy the brand-new car that costs a bundle but shouldn't need much repair for a good, long time, or buy the used model for substantially less and expect it to need replaced much sooner.

As it happens, Culver is a town populated both by people who can and do buy the more expensive, longer-lasting car (undoubtedly a wise buy if one can handle it), and people who by necessity simply can't afford that price tag and buy used (guess which category I fall into?).

Most of us know that better, longer lasting *stuff* is a better purchase. Many of us also know we operate within a budget that can't stomach that level of spending, so

we make the best choice we can with what we feel safe in buying.

This whole matter, too, strikes me as a classic case of the sort of municipal debate that used to aggrivate me as a teenager. "Good grief, are those people actually getting into heated arguments over whether to repave a street?!"

Of course, the deeper concern is the one the town council is wrestling with: repaving may not matter to you, but the basement of your house filled with excess stormwater because the town couldn't afford to renovate that part of its infrastructure because it spent the higher dollars to repave the street... well, you get the idea. That *will* matter to you. It's sort of like the House that Jack Built, if you recall that old rhyme.

And wet basements are only part of the concern here. Unless you've been living in a cave (in which case you haven't been living in Culver, unless your cave's property tax has skyrocketed in the last few years), you've heard the recent buzz about property tax, which is part of

the ongoing buzz in Culver about real estate prices.

What's amazing about the situation here is that the future of Culver on just about every level isn't being decided so much by the civic agencies in charge of navigating the town's future. Instead, it's largely dictated by profit. As you'll see echoed next week (in an article I couldn't fit in this week), Fred Lintner's recently discussed this with the Kiwanis club: people are out to make a tidy profit off of their Culver property, and can we blame them? Who among us would sell a house for \$90,000 he could sell for \$200,000? Well, very few, apparently.

Many people are concerned about the future of Culver as more than a resort town with virtually no winter populace. And while many of us also think there's room for a resort flavor *and* a thriving year-round community, there's a real concern here nonetheless.

I don't know how much -- if any -- impact the town council will have on such weighty issues, but that's why street repaving may actually matter, if my little civics lesson hasn't put us all to sleep by now. And if you read the story about this on page 6, you'll also know that there may be a need for people who care to get involved with some of this...maybe even people like you.

Nostalgia

75 years ago
April 5, 1933

Burt Alumbaugh, former manager of the Standard Oil service station on Lake Shore Drive, has taken over management of the Linco station, and Charles Berglund has become manager of the

station formerly handled by Alumbaugh. Howard Mikesell, former Linco station manager, is devoting his full time now to his chicken and egg business.

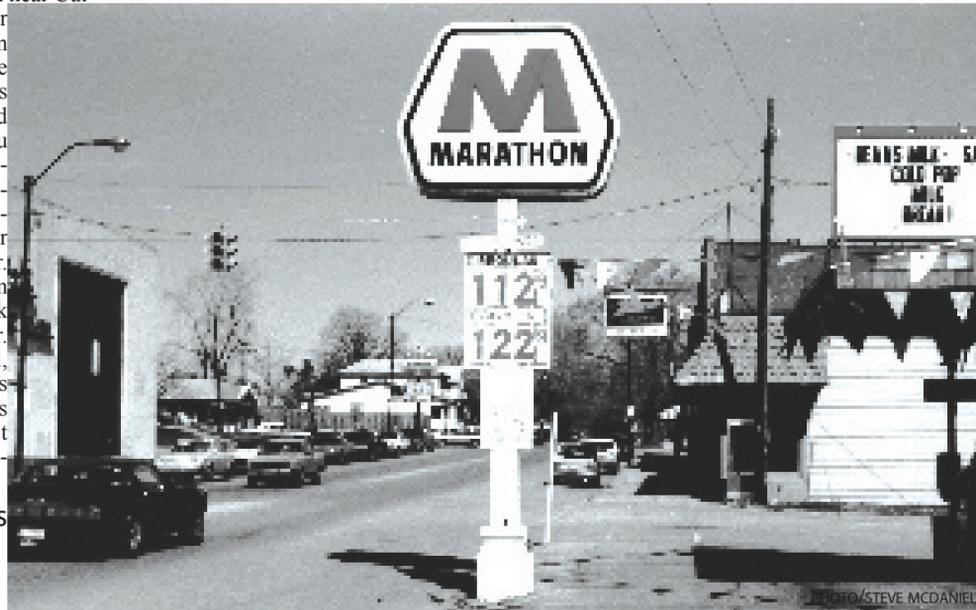
An update on the alumni of 1913, I have the following: Forrest Benedict is married and lives near Walnut.

Dick Newman married Marie Corothers of Plymouth and lives on a farm near Culver.

Eldon Porter is a chiropractor in South Bend. Claude Wolfram teaches in South Bend high school. Lulu Blanchard Cromley lives in Culver. Dottie Hedges is Mrs. Elmer Keen of Culver. Huldah Wiseman married Frank Tabor of Culver. Marie Buswell, now Mrs. Charles Cowen, resides in Culver. Wasn't that a small graduating class?

50 years ago
April 2, 1958

A car driven by Melvin A. Osborn, Rt. 1, Culver, hit a new, 1958 Oldsmobile owned by Bob May and parked in front of his School Street home on Saturday morning. Mr. Osborn said that a reflection from the sun on his glasses confused him. Damage to the Oldsmobile was estimated at \$550, and damage to Osborn's 1947 Cadillac was estimated at



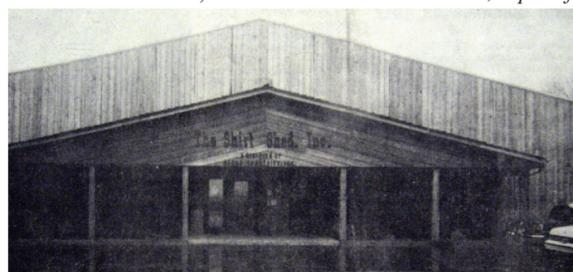
25 years later

Remember downtown Culver this way? Steve McDaniel of Culver Auto Supply took several photos around town during the spring of 1983, some of which we will run in future weeks. In the photo above, facing north on Main Street, several now-defunct landmarks are visible: the Marathon station on the right, the Kline appliance shop beyond that on the right, and of course the stoplight at the intersection of Jefferson and Main Streets, which kept Culver's roaring traffic under control. Thanks to Steve for sharing these pictures with the Citizen.

\$400. Around the grade school rooms: Mrs. McClane, first grade: March 17 was Marc Matson's seventh birthday, and his mother entertained us with a lovely party. Karen banks will be seven on March 20. Mrs. Carter, third grade: Albert Pare' had a birthday on

March 26. We learned to use water paints and about different kinds of cloth; we also

houses D.W. Wallcovering in the 1990s and is now home to Portside Marina, topic of



Shirt Shed in 1983

enjoyed listening to records on our record player. Fourth grade, Mrs. Alice Keller: On March 17, we heard stories about St. Patrick and Lela Donnelly entertained us with an Irish jig. We visited the Post Office and Fletcher Mattox's father told us many interesting things about mail delivery.

25 years ago
March 30, 1983

Tim Creasy, plant manager at Culver's Shirt Shed factory on West Jefferson Street announced that the plant will close its doors after three years in Culver. Nexus, which owns the plant, cited declining demand for apparel lines produced in Culver as the reason. One employee at the facility told a reporter that the closing came as a "complete surprise" when it was announced to workers Tuesday. The plant opened its doors in early 1980 and employed 156 persons as of last November (*editor's note: this building later*

a story several weeks ago in this paper).

Col. Charles Maull, Jr., 67, a retired instructor and administrator at the Culver Military Academy, passed away on March 29, 1983 at his home in Canoga Park, California. He was also a former owner and publisher of the Culver Citizen. He graduated from CMA in 1933 and served in World War II. In 1946, he became a member of the military staff at CMA, and in 1949 became owner and publisher of the Citizen. He returned to St. Louis in the 1950s to take over a family business, before returning to Culver in 1958, where he eventually became commandant of the military students until his 1978 retirement. He received a Distinguished Service medal from the governor of Indiana for his service.

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Culverites contribute, benefit from St. Joe Health Ctr. gala

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The St. Joseph Health Center in Plymouth – part of the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center – may be one of Marshall County’s best-kept secrets. What’s more, the work of the many volunteers not only there, but throughout the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center’s Plymouth campuses, has also been kept all too secret in the opinion of the committee that oversees the Center’s annual benefit gala. The gala will take place on Friday, April 18, starting at 6 p.m. at the Swan Lake resort in Plymouth. This year, the honorees at the event will be all of those volunteers, collectively, without whom the Health Center and the Medical Center would be at a huge loss, according to Culver’s Ginny Buchman, herself a volunteer since 2000 at the Health Center.

Buchman says that the Health Center, located at 116 E. Washington St. in Plymouth, saw over 2,000 volunteer hours last year, and that’s not including the many more hours logged by volunteers at the main St. Joseph Regional Medical Center campus on Lake Avenue. “The purpose of the Health Center is to serve the underserved and working poor of Marshall County,” says Buchman. “Dr. (Michael) Deery was the one who thought there should be something for (them), and it opened in 1999. They had galas before (its opening) to get the money to get it started.”

In 2007, says Buchman, the Health Center served 1,538

patients. 7,297 prescriptions were written amounting to \$845,881 of pharmacy costs, all free to the Center’s patients. 1,828 hours by Center personnel were used in filling those prescriptions.

care, pension, and insurance. There are also household income guidelines. The Center does not take walk-ins, but instead sets up appointments with a social worker to qualify individuals for services.

Doctors volunteered 173 hours at the center in 2007, according to Buchman, and dental and hygienists totaled 144. There are just five paid employees at the Center: a social worker (who is cur-

Tickets to the event are \$75 per person, plus there are opportunities for sponsorships from companies or anyone interested. This is the gala’s 11th year. “The gala is what supports us,” says Buchman.

“The whole project is under the heading of Julie VanDeWater-Bailey. We have a committee with a chairman, and subcommittees like the program committee and the development committee.”

At the gala, there will be a social hour with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, dinner, the evening’s program, and dancing from 9 to 12.

The master of ceremonies for the evening will be WNDU-TV morning anchor Tricia Sloma. Last year, says Buchman, the Swan Lake banquet hall was sold out, filled with the largest crowd of any gala up to then. That year’s honoree was Dr. Michael Deery, well-known Culver physician and medical director at the Health Center.

Deery himself insists that he was only an advocate for

the founding of the Health Center. The Holy Cross sisters at St. Mary’s at Notre Dame owned the St. Joseph hospital at that time, he says, and the Health Center in Plymouth was part of their outreach of caring for the poor.

“I think this year honoring the volunteers is very appropriate,” says Deery. “They’ve been the backbone of the clinic since its inception, and many...work numerous hours every week just to help the poor and indigent population of Marshall County. I would point out that there are many people from Culver that are patients at the clinic, and I would encourage all Culver people to support the clinic in any way they can, including considering volunteering or giving financially to the clinic all that they could. I think that unfortunately, even after 10 years, there are many people who don’t know that the clinic even exists.”

Ginny Buchman echoes Deery’s enthusiasm for the work of the clinic. “I feel passionate about this,” she says, “because I really believe in what we do. We do so much good; we help so many people.”

Those interested in gala information, tickets or sponsorships may contact Julie VanDeWater-Bailey at (574) 935-2264. The St. Joseph Regional Medical Center’s local, Culver telephone number is (574) 842-4763.



The St. Joseph Health Center in Plymouth.

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“The medication is sent from pharmaceutical companies,” Buchman says. “We have a contract with Kroger so we can write prescriptions and pay Kroger.”

The Center does not take children, Buchman explains, and care recipients there are required to be Marshall County residents without any other medical coverage, including Medicaid, Medi-

Services offered at the Health Center are many and varied: prescription medications, diagnostic services, therapies, social work, spiritual care, and dental care. “In May of every year,” notes Buchman, “we are the only site in Plymouth that hosts the Pap-a-Thon. This year’s will be May 14, 2008. In 2007, we serviced 139 patients at that.”

Currently also the Center’s interim director, Connie Deery of Culver), a nurse practitioner, a nurse assistant, a nurse technician, and a receptionist and clerical worker. The rest, she says, is volunteer labor, with 19 of those volunteers hailing from Culver.

Buchman says that the Health Center is the direct recipient of proceeds from the “Catch the Spirit” 2008 gala.

Council: Repaving needed, but to what degree?

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For the second time in a row, a sometimes heated discussion arose amongst members of Culver’s town council over the specifics of repaving pothole-filled Lake Shore Drive, this time with members agreeing to explore the details of the matter in an upcoming work session.

The discussion, at the March 25 council meeting, began when town manager Sean McDermott presented the council a lower estimate than the ballpark figure presented at the previous meeting. Council member Ed Pinder was vocal in his opposition to the level of repaving proposed, which includes milling the existing street below the brick and removing the brick to create a new base, a more expensive approach that milling down three inches and repaving from that level.

One concern raised at the previous meeting was that repaving done in the near future might have to be ripped up again if the town begins a large-scale sewer project for which it hopes to apply for a grant, concern which Pinder felt was unwarranted. “We (currently) have this grant that’s only a planning grant,” said Pinder. “Then you go for another grant to rip things up. You’re talking about three or four years at minimum. If we do rip the street up, part of the (contractor’s) quote is that they put the street back the way it was...we’re not going to have to worry about that. I don’t want to look at that crappy street for three or four years and not do anything. It needs done.”

The area of Lake Shore Drive in question runs approximately from Bradley Street to the east, to Main Street to the west, said McDermott. He – and several council members -- noted that there are sections of the street which have already had the brick base removed, and other sections that show that the brick appears not to be a sufficient base.

Council president Ralph Winters noted that the more expensive, thorough repaving job would probably be a 25-year fix with patching, with Pinder questioning

whether the town could afford the project. When Winters proposed dipping into reserve funds to help facilitate the project, town clerk Casey Howard interjected concerns that such a move could jeopardize other needed town projects. “You guys talk about the sewer plant and the water plant. And what if an ambulance and fire truck blow in the same year? The town hall needs work. There are so many other important projects that should have been addressed already. We’re so fortunate to have the funds we do. Other towns and cities are barely scraping by.”

McDermott added that Howard’s points raise broader matters of long range planning, with council member Ginny Munroe noting that the council has never established a concrete, written long-range plan. “There’s not a working document you can hand out and say, ‘this is our plan as a town council.’ We need to put (the repaving project) on a plan that involves other things as well. Until we do that, we’re going to shoot ourselves in foot; we’re not looking at all the other pieces with our budget in mind.”

McDermott agreed to contact paving company representatives to attend a work session, tentatively planned for early April, to discuss details of the repaving project as well as other long-range issues.

The council also agreed to devote all of its \$25,000 sidewalk budget to its citizen cost-sharing program this year, rather than splitting the budget between that program and a larger-scale project as was done last year to build a sidewalk along the northern portion of Slate Street near the Wesley United Methodist Church. Ed Pinder, a member of the 21st Century committee which suggested the Wesley project, told the council he was not aware of any specific sidewalk projects the committee intends to propose this year.

The council discussed specifics pertaining to standards required for those putting in sidewalks in Culver, whether participating in the cost-sharing program with the council

or otherwise. At issue was the need for the town to inspect sidewalks to ensure their compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for handicapped access and other quality standards. McDermott noted that the \$25 sidewalk permit fee doesn’t cover all the time involved for building inspector Russ Mason and Street Department head Bob Porter to inspect sidewalks before and after work is to be done. Council member Lynn Overmyer pointed out that many residents may not realize that a permit is required for sidewalk creation. Council member Sally Ricciardi suggested that all inspection fees be a part of the initial permit fee. “Raise your permit fee a little higher for inspections,” she said, citing the fact that building permit fees include all inspections. “It only makes sense that inspection be included in the sidewalk fee.”

Winters expressed his concern that many contractors seem not to meet the standards expected. “My own personal hang-up is the totally missing slope (to meet ADA requirements). There’s an awful lot of good intentions. I don’t think we’ll be overly faced with people trying to scam the system. There’s a lot of good intentions, but people just don’t know (how to create compliant sidewalks).”

While the council voted to use all of the paving budget for individual citizen projects this year, it was decided that specifics of the requirements will be further discussed at the upcoming work session, with the hope of taking citizen applications for sidewalk cost sharing starting mid-April.

The council approved first, second, and third readings of ordinance 2008-003, a standard ordinance prepared by town attorney Ron Gifford to formally pass fair housing standards in Culver into law.

Town clerk Howard reported to the council on several quotes for a new phone system for the town hall, which the council agreed to examine.

Town manager McDermott discussed with the

council his hopes of purchasing an auto sampler for monitoring of waste water flow from the Culver Academies, which currently is handled by town employees on a manual basis. He noted that sample testing of the water should be done at the discharge point, not at the Academy’s pump station, and that he would like to create a utility hut with a heater for electronics, to sample at the manhole site in question. The cost would be \$4,300 for the sampler, \$3257.10 for the flow meter, plus the cost of the hut and electricity. “This helps us with accuracy,” he said.

McDermott also sought direction from the council on placement of a new emergency siren for the town and surrounding area. Due to the need for three-phase electrical power to run the new siren, McDermott said he has narrowed the location down to two possible sites which would serve the northern end of Culver as needed: one at the corner of State Road 10 and Lake Shore Drive, and one on Lake Shore Drive near Papa’s restaurant.

At issue was the potential nuisance of a siren so close to residences at the State Road 10 site, and whether to continue the longtime practice of noon whistles – used primarily to test the siren daily – and fire whistles as well as emergency storm warnings. The Papa’s site, said McDermott, would probably be less intrusive to homes, but would also be far less able to project the siren’s warning sound to the public, due to the elevation of the Papa’s site.

The council approved placement of the siren at SR 10 and Lake Shore Drive, and agreed that daily noon whistles and fire whistles should be a part of the new siren’s usage, for testing purposes.

Clerk Howard reported that she has mailed 19 letters to residents requesting that they change their addresses to comply with new county emergency regulations as the county upgrades its GIS system. Although local EMTs may know residents’ locations by individual

name, “if we have to call for paramedic assist, the out of town agencies don’t always know the individuals the way the local EMS does,” Howard explained. She said some residents may even have to change their street name, and cited the town hall itself as an example, noting that its entrance once faced Washington Street, but its current entrance faces Plymouth Street. She added that residents may refuse to comply with the address change, but will be required to sign a waiver stating that they realize the risks in an emergency situation.

Howard also reported that Street Dept. head Bob Porter will be attending a conference in Columbus.

McDermott told the council that a new shutoff switch will be needed at the town’s water plant, to ensure the safety of workers. An automatic transfer switch recently installed there, said the town manager, has “dramatically improved” the initiation of pumps and sirens at the site from a 12 to 15 minute, manual process, to a one to two minute process with the automatic switch. However, an additional switch is needed to prevent employees from being electrocuted while working on the new switch. The council approved purchase of the new switch.

Fire chief Mike Grover asked for approval to purchase a four-drawer, fire proof safe for storage of old documents and photos. The department has been doing a great deal of training lately as well, said Grover, which means copying a great deal more paperwork, for which Grover requested permission to purchase a photocopier for department use. It was agreed that Casey Howard would help Grover find a fire safe and copier for purchase.

Council member Ginny Munroe brought up drainage issues raised by neighbors at a recent plan commission meeting pertinent to the new Mahler subdivision proposed for School Street. She noted that there is no storm drain in the area, which is at the bottom of an incline and tends to gather water.

Munroe also raised the is-

sue of Portside Marina on Culver’s west side, and the potential for the town to lose the business, which was denied a variance last year by the town’s board of zoning appeals. “We’ve got to take a closer look at that issue,” she suggested.

Munroe also expressed concerns that several boards and committees around town have members absent for long stretches of time and also often fail to make the required quorum of members present. She suggested that written guidelines and expectations for individuals serving on boards might help the problem. “We don’t want to reappoint someone who’s not showing up four months of the year,” Munroe said.

Howard added that some boards are not keeping up with their minute books as required. “Most of them know. It’s not my responsibility that their minutes get in there. That’s why they have a president, a vice president, and a secretary.”

“These meetings can be pleasant, and we have a good time,” said Winters. “But still we have responsibilities.”

Winters addressed Munroe with a smile, “You’re a lot younger than I am; by the way you’re getting started, you’re really going to get crabby.”

Pinder commented that part of the complexity of the situation arises from close-knit familiarity in Culver’s small community. “You realize when you’re appointing people that you’ve known and worked with for 30 years, you don’t want to hurt feelings...maybe the president of the council next year can be more hard nosed and say just because a guy has been on the BZA for the past 30 years, doesn’t mean he should be again. But if you’re the person who has to move that person off that board, it’s not very fun. That’s what you run into too.”

“We should also definitely revisit the Portside Marina situation,” Pinder added. “I spoke for it, and I guess I was in the minority...these people have been great citizens. I have a feeling there’s a real possibility we might lose them.”



Culver students honored for patriotic essays

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's VFW played host on March 8 to one of the biggest groups ever to attend its annual awards breakfast for local participants in the national VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests, according to Margaret Dehne of Culver's Finney-Shilling Post 6919. A total of 49 participants attended the breakfast, many with their parents, at which top winners were given awards and cash prizes for their efforts.

Participants in the Voice of Democracy essay contest — winners of which will be announced at a later date — are all high school students, while the Patriot's Pen participants must be in sixth through eighth grade only. High School participants submit their essays in a recorded, audio format; younger participants' essays are written.

According to Dehne, the Culver post gives out over \$600 in prizes to local winners. The national contest recognizes

out awards. He thanked Cheryl Geik of Culver Middle School for her hard work and help in coordinating the essay writing and awards at-

Doss, a Seventh Day Adventist "soldier without gun" whose prayers seemed to protect the safety of the troop to which he was assigned as

won \$75 for her essay. All other winners were seventh graders, explained Dehne, and received \$50 prizes. Ethan Sheridan took third place. Other winners were given non-monetary prizes including a flag set and t-shirt.

Dehne added a word of thanks to all the parents who responded, noting that many parents probably didn't realize their child had written an essay at all. The writing took place in November, 2007. "We had a good turnout," said Dehne, who said that a VFW committee chooses the winning essays. "We had some pretty good essays turned in."



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Above: Ethan Sheridan was one of the top local winners in the VFW's Patriot's Pen contest. He and other winners were awarded at a breakfast on March 8. To his left is Margaret Dehne of the VFW, and the group's Rich Kelso, right, presented the awards.

tendance with the students. Top winners were allowed to read their winning essays, and eighth grader Aspen Kitchell shared hers, "Why Am I a Patriot American?" Kitchell described the courage of Vernon Baker, an African-American who fought with the Buffalo Soldiers in World War II, and Desmond

a medic. "I am a patriot because I support the true heroes who have defended our country," read Kitchell, quoting the biblical passage John 15:13, "what greater love is there than to lay down one's life for his friends?" Kitchell won \$75 for her essay.

The next top winner was Crystal Looney, who also

SCILL Center offers basic welding class

Local employers are still looking for welders, and the SCILL Center's next Basic Welding class will begin April 14. This two week class includes welding safety and welding procedures for entry level welding positions. Attendees will leave the class with new welding skills and

their own welding helmet, jacket, gloves, safety glasses and pliers. Now is the time to train to for a new career and a better future.

Those looking for a new career, to acquire skills for a current occupation or just want to learn how to weld for a hobby, will not want to miss

the welding class that will be held at the North Judson/San Pierre High School.

For more information or to register, call the SCILL Center at (574) 772-8001 or Purdue Extension at (574) 946-3412. The SCILL Center is located at 1300 Kloeckner Drive in Knox.

Culver Comm. Schools menu

Thur., April 3: Breakfast: Maple Waffle or cereal w/ cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Burrito or salad bar, rice, vegetable, juice, milk.

Fri., April 4: Breakfast: Breakfast Sausage pizza or cereal w/donut, juice, milk. Lunch: HS/MS Mozzarella sticks or corndog, MES French garlic bread or corndog, green beans, fruit, milk.

Mon., April 7: Breakfast: P.B. Jamwich or cereal w/ cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich or hamburger sandwich, potato, pineapple, cookie, milk.

Tues., April 8: Breakfast: Cook's choice of pizza or cereal w/muffin, juice, milk. Lunch: Biscuit & gravy or soup, yogurt, potatoes, juice,

milk. **Wed., April 9:** Breakfast: Egg patty & cheese on biscuit or cereal w/biscuit, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken & noodles or salad bar, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, bread & peanut butter, milk.

Thur., April 10: Breakfast: Breakfast bagel or Kellogg's cereal w/donut, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dog sandwich or potato bar, chips, baked beans, carrot w/dip, milk.

Fri., Feb. 15: Breakfast: Funnel Cake or cereal w/ cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Taco wedge pizza or fish sandwich, corn, fruit, milk.

Bickel earns Silver Star

Julie Bickel earned the second highest academic honor at the Culver Academies. The Silver Star is awarded for maintaining a 3.25 or better grade point average for each grading period. Ju-

lie is on the varsity fencing team and finished third in the state fencing finals, Julie also coaches gymnastics and has competed at level nine in gymnastics.

High and dry

Below: file under, "something you don't see everyday." This house, on South Main Street, rests elevated on "stilts" in anticipation of some major changes.

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