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In Brief

Tree Commission planting
Members of Culver's Tree Commission will oversee the planting of about 50 trees in the general downtown area this Saturday, April 19. Those who can help are asked to meet in the parking lot across from the funeral home at the corner of Lakeshore and Main at 8 a.m. on that day. A pair of gloves and a shovel or rake, if you have one, are all that is necessary to participate in this community affair (see article page 2).

Tour de Max

On Saturday, May 17, Culver's Tri Kappa will sponsor its 10th annual Tour de Max bicycle tour of Marshall County. Participants may enjoy a leisurely 10, 30, or 63 mile ride beginning at the Culver Beach Lodge, where registration will open at 7 a.m. and start times (depending on which race) are 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 10 a.m. Those who register before May 1 will pay a \$20 registration fee and receive a t-shirt (children 12 and under who ride with a registered adult are free, but will not receive a t-shirt). Registration after May 1 is \$25 with t-shirts only as quantities allowed.

All rides will include the 10 miles around Lake Maxinkuckee. Those with questions may contact Karen Heim at (574) 842-8914, or email tour_de_max@yahoo.com. More information -- and registration forms -- are available online at www.geocities.com/tour_de_max or in participating locations around Culver.

Town Wide Yard Sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Spring Town Wide Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Town Hall between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (574) 842-3140 beginning Monday, April 21st - Tuesday, April 29th. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon on Wednesday, April 30th at the Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Sidewalk Applications

The Town of Culver is currently accepting applications for our 2008 Sidewalk and Curb Program. Applications as well as updated sidewalk specifications may be picked up at the Town Hall, 200 E Washington St, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please know that See "brief" page 2

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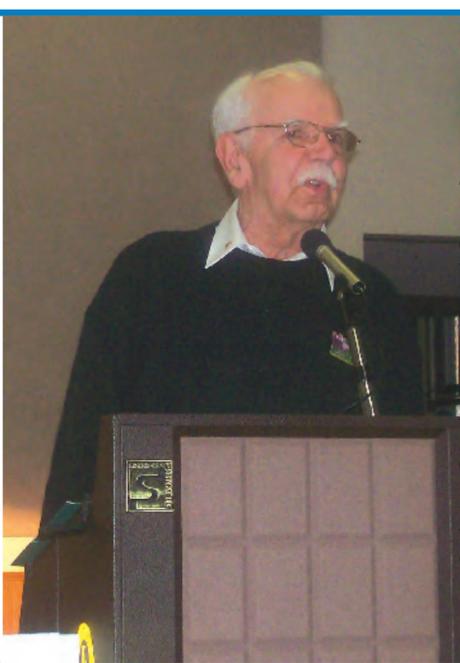


Super Star family

Left: AMA Superbike racer Scotty VanHawk, left, watches as Culver Elementary School kindergartner Carter Stevens, right, puts on a dirt bike helmet. VanHawk, who brought a motorcycle and protective gear, visited the school to promote bicycle helmet safety Friday. Carter is VanHawk's nephew.

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Postal Poet

Ray Chamberlin, the "Postal Poet" from Mishawaka and a fellow Lion, entertained members of Culver's Lions Club on April 9. Chamberlin, retired from the postal service in 1993 with 28 years of service, drew on his experiences as a letter carrier to write his poems, many of which are humorous and range in topic from the weather to elections, the Elvis postage stamp to Col. Sanders. One serious poem presented at the meeting was "National War Memorial," a tribute to America's veterans.

PHOTO BY KATHY BERIENDI



Monterey tragedy

Below: scene of a tragic killing on April 13.

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"The best we have to offer"

Top ten CHS seniors honor educators at annual awards banquet



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Culver Comm. High School's top ten students with their chosen teachers at the annual Top Ten awards banquet on April 9. Photo at top: front row, left to right, students Jade Hutchinson, Kelly Ahlenius, Kylie Gunder, Racheal Looney, and Mitch Page. Top row, left to right, teachers Brenda Sheldon, Peggy Arquette, Vickie Dearth, Mike Buschman, and Chris Stevens. Photo above: front row, left to right, students Matt Stuart, Lyndsey Fisher, Stuart Thomas, Ashley Jones, and Drew Norwich. Back row, right to left: teachers Vickie Benner, Bob Konzelman, CHS principal Albert Hanselman, Monterey Elementary teacher Todd Shaffer, CHS teacher Kyle Elliott.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor
Students, parents, faculty and administrators of Culver High School's top ten highest ranking seniors gathered on April 9 not only to honor the accomplishments of those students, but also the teachers chosen by each student as most influential in their lives.

The 16th annual event, sponsored by Culver's Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, took place at the meeting hall of the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church and began with an introduction by Chamber president Mike Stallings and an invocation by Dawn Minas, coordinator of the event for the Chamber.

Culver Community High School principal Albert Hanselman, introducing the students and teachers, said that this senior class holds a special place in his heart. "I've known most of them since before kindergarten," he explained. Hanselman's son, Lucas, is a member of the class.

After asking the students' parents to stand and be recognized, Hanselman introduced the first student, Kelly Ahlenius, who he said is bound for Indiana University in Bloomington this fall. Ahlenius chose to honor P.E. teacher Peggy Arquette, recalling Arquette's kindness in helping Ahlenius when her grandfather died during her eighth grade year. "The greatest lesson I learned from my grandpa was to help those in need," said Ahlenius. "That's what Mrs. Arquette

did for me...she has extraordinary character. Life isn't always easy, but I try my best to never give up because of Mrs. Arquette."

Arquette began her comments by quipping, "You expect me to speak after that?"

She continued by joking about her reputation among friends for her love of Bass Lake. "Kelly and the Ahlenius (family) are from Bass Lake," she smiled. "My friends said, '(Kelly) chose you because you're from Bass Lake!'"

She continued by praising Ahlenius' family as hard-working and honest. "When I think of Kelly, the same things come to mind."

Drew Norwich honored building trades teacher and golf coach Kyle Elliott, cred- See "Awards" page 8

Culver Relay set for this weekend

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's first-ever Relay for Life - a landmark event for Culver and for the American Cancer Society - is nearly upon us. The all-night event will begin on Friday, April 18 with registration starting at 6 p.m. and the opening ceremony at 7 p.m., and continue through the closing ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

As has been reported in recent issues of the Citizen, Culver's Relay, which was started through the efforts of students at Culver Academies and will take place on the football field/running track on the Academy campus, is one of the very few Relays ever to take place at a high school locale. It was also sixth in the nation in online fund-raising having raised - as of this writing -- \$71,775.42, quite an average from the \$35,000 which the American Cancer Society, which heads up Relays nationally, expects Relay events to raise. Proceeds go towards fighting cancer, particularly in the area of research for a cancer cure.

Culver's event now has 61 teams registered, a total of 558 participants (though this number will likely increase as the event draws nearer).

The Relay is more than an evening of teams walking laps. Ongoing events, including entertainment and a variety of activities for participants and observers, will take place throughout the evening and into the morning, including a bead station, face painting, croquet, a fire house, the "game zone," and more. More information can be found online at www.relayforlife.org.

The schedule as of now includes:

- Friday, April 18:**
- 5:30 p.m. Survivor Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Registration Begins
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony
- 7:30 p.m. Opening Survivor Lap

8:00 p.m. first theme lap: "Toilet Paper"/ Survivor Spotlight 1

Opening concert: Best Kept Secret (12 songs; 60 minutes)

8:45 p.m. Eating contest, duct tape fundraiser

9:00 p.m. Second theme lap: "Walk Like an Animal"/ Survivor Spotlight 2

Fight Back ceremony

9:30 p.m. Relay's Got Talent: Round 1

Choir (15 minutes), Dancevision (5 minutes), Drill Team (10 minutes), Matt Edwards (speech; 10 minutes), Harry Potter Skit (5 minutes)

10:00 p.m. third theme lap: "80s Lap"/ Survivor Spotlight 3

"Mission Moment"

10:15 p.m. Luminaria ceremony

11:00 p.m. Fourth theme lap: "Beach Lap"/ Survivor Spotlight 4

Mr. Relay Pageant

Saturday, April 19:

12:00 a.m. Fifth theme lap: "Piggy Back Lap"/ Survivor Spotlight 5

Relay's Got Talent: Round 2: Ally Hoover (speech&song:15 minutes), Student Faculty Forum Skit (5 min), Hanna Klondaris (15 minutes), Kim Danforth (5 minutes), Greenlife Skit (5 min), Brady Banks (10 minutes), Alvaro Prandini-Johnson (10 minutes), Lathelma Armstrong (5 minutes), Piano Students (20 minutes), Mike Coughlin (5 minutes)

12:30 a.m. Capture the flag "Mission Moment"

1:00 a.m. Sixth theme lap: "Celebrity Lap"/ Survivor Spotlight 6

Dodgeball

1:30 a.m. "Mission Moment"

1:45 a.m. Balloon popping fundraiser

2:00 a.m. Seventh theme lap: "Three-Legged Lap"/

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Survivor Spotlight 7 Musical Performance 3:00 a.m. Eighth theme lap: “Trick or Treat Halloween Lap”/ Survivor Spotlight 8 3:30 a.m. Limbo contest 4:00 a.m. Ninth theme lap: “Crabwalk Lap”/ Survivor Spotlight 9 “Mission Moment” Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

ment 4:45 a.m. Hula hoop contest 5:00 a.m. Tenth theme lap: “60s/Hippie Lap”/ Survivor Spotlight 10 Karaoke 5:30 a.m. BSU Stomp/ Gospel Choir 6:00 a.m. 11th Theme Lap: “Backwards Lap”/ Survivor Spotlight 11

Sunrise Special Yoga 7:00 a.m. 12th Theme Lap: “Pajamas Lap”/ Survivor Spotlight 12 7:30 a.m. Closing ceremony 8:00 a.m. Goodbye! See you next year! Clean up begins

DNR recognizes Culver as a ‘Tree City USA’

by Judy Sawhook

On April 7, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, recognized Culver as one the 61 Hoosier cities and towns which have received Tree City USA status. Considering that there are 568 cities and towns in the state, this is a significant achievement. Further to the town’s credit is the fact that of the 61 Tree Cities recognized, Culver is one of only 14 in the state to have achieved the Growth Award. This award exempli-

fies an even higher standard of excellence for urban forestry management activities.

“Becoming and remaining a Tree City is not an easy task,” said Pam Louks, state community and urban forestry coordinator. “Since 2004, we have lost two Tree Cities each year.”

On a national level there are 3,216 Tree Cities with 503 of them having received the Growth Award.

In Culver, the driving force behind becoming, and maintaining the town’s status as a Tree City has been the Culver

Tree Commission. In furthering their efforts, Commission members will oversee the planting of about 50 trees in the general downtown area this Saturday, April 19.

Those who can help with what is now an annual event are asked to meet in the parking lot across from the funeral home at the corner of Lakeshore and Main at 8 a.m. Saturday the 19th. A pair of gloves, and a shovel or rake, if you have one, are all that is necessary to participate in this community affair.

Monterey shooting death shocks area residents

By John Reed Staff Writer

MONTEREY — A woman was shot to death in the driveway of her home on Center Street Sunday afternoon.

Thirty-five-year-old Denise Solano was killed while the suspect, her husband Tomas Solano, 30, is hospitalized in critical condition after being found at a Michigan City cemetery a few hours after the first shooting.

Police are still working on the details of the shooting, however they said the woman had left work at the Wal-Mart store in Plymouth about 1:30 p.m. to return home.

Police did confirm they had been called to the residence several times in recent months, and she had reportedly told her husband she wanted a divorce. The husband had been charged with allegedly abusing one of their children.

Police reportedly followed the husband’s van for a short time before he was reported to be located at Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City, where he had turned a gun on himself. Police had also tracked his cell phone calls to find Solano.

Pulaski County Sheriff Mike Gayer said that as officers approached, Solano

shot himself in the head. Police are currently searching for another subject who is reported to have provided the gun and may have known the reason for the request of the gun.

Both the victim’s and suspect’s families live in the Michigan City area. They had lived in the Monterey area for a number of years, moving last summer from a Lake Langebaum residence.

(The AP contributed to this article. John Reed is the editor of The Leader of Starke Co.)

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 17: Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread & margarine, fresh fruit, milk.

Fri., April 18: Tuna noodle casserole, peas & carrots, brussel sprouts, bread & margarine, jello & fruit, milk.

Mon., April 21: Chicken patty, bun, broccoli, baked potatoes, apple sauce, milk.

Tues., April 22: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, strawberries, wheat roll, milk.

Weds., April 23: Beef roast, rice, sweet potato patty, brocolli, pear, banana nut muffin, milk.

Thurs., April 24: Ham & beans, cole slaw cornbread & margarine, greens, diced onion, apricots, milk.

Fri., April 25: Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad & dressing, garlic bread, Italian beans, pineapple, milk.

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 17
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
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
Board of zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall.

Monday, April 21
Knitting Class, 10 a.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 22
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Town council meeting, 6:30 p.m., town hall.

Wednesday, April 23
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Park depot

Thursday, April 24
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
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:
Dancevision, Culver Academy, April 26
Carillon recital, Culver Academy April 26

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a permit is needed and an inspection will need to take place prior to the project and after completion. This program is a first come first serve basis. The deadline to receive applications is July 1, 2008. Please inquire within for more information, (574) 842-3140.

DivorceCare in Culver

DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, each Sunday evening at 7 p.m., beginning April 27. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include “Facing My Anger,” “Facing My Loneliness,” “Depression,” “New Relationships,” and “Forgiveness.” For more information, call Pastor Robin Keating at (574) 216-0331 or Michael Rakich at (574) 842-4625. DivorceCare is sponsored by the Culver Community Council of Churches.

Tri Kappa Art Show April 25

Culver’s Tri Kappa’s annual student art show will be held at the Culver Cove beginning on Friday, April 25 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and continuing Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and concluding on Sunday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will exhibit a variety of artwork from area high school students, and is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to vote for the people’s choice award.

Upcoming at REAL Meals

Activities in April at REAL Services’ Culver nutrition site at the beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive include: Coffee chat at 10:30 a.m. on April 18; Bingo with Miller’s Merry Manor at 12:30 p.m. on April 29; township trustee Marlene Mahler at 12:30 p.m. on April 30. 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.

EMS offers CPR, EMT classes

Culver Union Township EMS will offer a healthcare provider CPR course on Sat., May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the EMS base at 200 E. Washington St. Registration deadline for the class is April 21; there is a \$25 fee for the class which includes book.

The EMS will also 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 either 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

Trinity Lutheran Church (430 Academy Road) hosts a Community Bible Study on Marriage and Family topics each Wednesday evening in April. Upcoming sessions include: April 23: The New Addition (The blessings of children); April 30: The Maintenance (Family spiritual life). The Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm. If you have questions, you may call the church office at (574) 842-3175.

Past Miss Max winners sought

The Lakefest and Miss Maxinkuckee committees would like past Miss Maxinkuckee Queens involved in this special anniversary year. Any past winners, or those interested in participating this year may contact Miss Max coordinators Shelli Dickey, at (574) 292-2775, or Susie Norwich, at (574) 298-5970, with questions. This year’s pageant will be held Sat., June 14 at the Culver depot, and will be the kick-off event leading up to the 25th anniversary Lakefest, which will take place July 18 through the 20.

Messiah singers sought

PLYMOUTH — Singers are wanted for The Messiah to be presented Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth.

outh by the Marshall County Church Orchestra. If you would like to sing in this performance, call Don Harness at 574-936-7357.

County Reading Council spring banquet

The Marshall County Reading Council Spring Banquet will be April 29th at Pretty Lake United Methodist Church in Plymouth starting at 6 PM.

Plymouth columnist and author Rachael Phillips will be speaking and the Reading Council will present its annual “Celebrate Literacy awards” to community members who have contributed to literacy projects throughout the county this year. There will be a buffet dinner for \$13.00 served by the ladies of church. Also, attendees will be able to purchase baby board books for the Reading Council’s Books for Babies project. For more information or for reservations, please contact Mary Jackson at (574) 892-5137 or email at mjackson@argos.k12.in.us

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CULVER — Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at (574) 261-7887.

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Letters to the editor

Good work

I was visiting Culver last week after being gone for several months and I picked up a copy of the citizen to see what was happening around town. I was amazed and pleased at the quality of the stories written by the new editor, Jeff Kenney.

As someone who had become a little jaded with the accuracy of articles, particularly about town council meetings, I really enjoyed the article Mr. Kenney wrote about the town street proposals for Lakeshore Drive. While reading the story I could visualize being at the meeting and participating in the discussion. Thanks so much for the accurate, insightful articles from a resident of Culver who knows the town and its citizens!

Keep up the good work!

Jon Guinin
Culver

Culver library

I am very disturbed about the backlash at the Culver Library, in regards to remodeling the children's department. It is apparent there are some who don't believe in an investment of our children.

Those who feel it is a waste of money, have forgotten the true sense of civic duty. I do not have any children at home anymore, but that is not going to stop me from supporting what I feel is a viable asset to the Culver community.

Civic responsibility takes on many forms. I felt it was my duty to go to the Vietnam conflict, even though I was pretty sure I didn't have a dog in that fight. Yes, money is tight for the average taxpayer today, yet if we don't furnish our youth with what we were provided for by some very civic minded Americans - Carnegie comes to mind. What if he turned his back on education of our youth and adults alike? We would not see many families living in these mega dollar estates along Lake Maxinkuckee. I'm sure in their youth, they were using a public library to help do their homework, learning to imagine, learning to read and just learning to socialize beyond the school system.

I feel those who want to close libraries, will eventually suffer for their mistake, by a nation of uneducated, hopeless, wandering youth

The sad fact is, a large portion of taxpayers' money has been spent in design and many man hours on this department. By holding up permits and constant battles with the Library Board, this project will cost a lot more than projected. The taxpayers and the youth in Culver should not lose out, because of a few citizens who have made it their personal vendetta to hold up progress.

Gary Thorne
Culver

Library integrity

I attended the last Culver library board meeting and did not detect any backlash or personal vendetta. I did observe a courteous inquiry into the overall fiscal responsibility of the Culver library board.

Mr. Alfred Nyby presented the Library board members with an accurate overview of the last three years spending trends of Culver's library board. Mr. Nyby presented the board with a spread-sheet containing the facts of his presentation he obtained from State records. Mr Nyby beseeched the board to review its present spending policies before it becomes a crisis..

It was stated in a previous editorial that "Some want to close libraries, which will lead to a nation of uneducated, hopeless, wandering youth." I contend that the opposite is true.

Many of us want to preserve the integrity of our institutions through wise, thoughtful decisions and prudent spending of our precious taxpayers dollars. The great Andrew Carnegie was also mentioned in the previous editorial. I would state that if Mr. Carnegie would not have been a brilliant conservative businessman, he would not have amassed the resources to endow our nation with such a wonderful gift.

To question our public institutions should never be considered vindictive, reactionary, or in this case, anti-youth. It should be considered our public duty.

Cary Flora
Culver

Wedding announcement

Yvonne Kathleen Chavez and Adam Joshua Delp were united in marriage Dec. 13, 2007 at 5 p.m. at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Colo. Pastor Steve Cuss performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown with a delicate beaded bodice and similar beading along the scalloped edges of her train. She wore her grandmother's pearls and carried a bouquet of Casa-blanca Lilies.

The maid of honor was LeNora Chavez of Murietta, Calif., sister of the bride. She wore a tea-length chocolate and ivory empire-waisted chiffon gown and carried a bouquet of ivory roses. The best man was Michael Delp Jr. of Plymouth, brother of the groom. The ring bearer was Gage Sefton of Columbia City, nephew of the groom. The flower girl was Taylor Delp of Plymouth, niece of the groom. Immediate family attended a dinner held at The Randolph in Denver, Colo.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Chavez of Murietta, Calif. She graduated from Calvary Chapel High School in Murietta, Calif. and Metropolitan State



College of Denver with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy. She is employed as an assistant office manager at Integrated Therapies in Lakewood, Colo.

The groom is the son of Michael and Judy Delp of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School and Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo. with a bachelor's degree in global studies. He works as executive director of The 10/10 Project in Denver, Colo.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, they now reside in Denver, Colo.

An Indiana reception will be held Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the groom's parents' home in Plymouth for friends and family.

Engagement announcement:

Nowalk

Robert and Jennifer Nowalk, Culver, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Grace Nowalk, to Stephen Crandall McGuinn, son of Dina McGuinn and Brian McGuinn. The wedding will take place on June 7, 2008 at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of Culver Academies. The couple, both graduates of Columbia University School of Social Work in New York, have chosen to have a small, intimate ceremony with only a limited number of guests.

The future Mr. and Mrs. McGuinn plan to live in the Washington, D.C. area.

Death notices

Victoria Bell Russell April 5, 2008

LEITERS FORD — Victoria Bell McGlothin Russell of Leiters Ford died Saturday, April 5, 2008, at 9:56 p.m. at home.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; son, Scott (Kellie) Russell of Plain City, Utah; daughters: Gretchen (Scott) Johnson and Haidee (Michael) Temme, all of Leiters Ford; 13 grandchildren; sisters: Pat Plathow of Leiters Ford, and Bettie (Ron) of Kewanna; and brother-in-law, Norman (Lane) Wagoner of Sheridan.

A celebration of the life was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Legion Memorial Chapel at the Culver Academies. Burial will be at the Leiters Ford Cemetery. Visitation was at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, on Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. and at the chapel one hour prior to her services. Memorials may be made to the Aubbee Relay for Life Team.

Linda K. Poff April 7, 2008

KNOX — Linda K. Poff, 60, of Knox, died Monday, April 7 at Porter Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, David; children: Vicky (Scott) McNeece and Kyle Poff, all of Knox; brothers: Ronnie Sischo of Knox, Donald Gene Sischo of Monterey and Leslie Sischo of Michigan City; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A family memorial service will take place at a later date.

The M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials contributions may be made to the family.

Helen L. Wajda April 8, 2008

KNOX — Helen L. Wajda, 87, of Knox, died Tuesday, April 8.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard; children: Robert (Mary) Miller of Round Lake Beach, Ill., Rose (Frank) Nellis of Owensville, Christine (Rick) Baker of Culver and Al (Joan) Wajda of Knox; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation is Friday, April 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m. at the M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox. A funeral mass will be held Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Margie Harris March 5, 2008

Margie Harris, a 1970 graduate of Culver High School, died on March 5, 2008, in Chicago, IL. She was born on Oct. 27, 1952, and is survived by her son, Robert Booker, Jr., and daughter Altonia Booker, as well as one granddaughter with another on the way, and several nieces and nephews. Her family will remember her as a loving aunt with not one enemy.

Funeral services were held on March 31 at Calvary Missionary Baptist church in Chicago, IL, and interment was at Mt. Hope cemetery, Fairfield Ave., Chicago, IL.

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Wedding announcement

Sarah Elizabeth Nowalk and Adam Overmyer Pare' were wed on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007 at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of Culver Academies. The groom is the son of Vicki Crossley of Culver and Albert Pare', and the bride is the daughter of Robert and Jennifer Nowalk of Culver. Maid of Honor was Kathryn Nowalk and best man was Justin Southard. Bridesmaids were Mary Block, Marianne Frapwell, Monica Gowdar, and Anna Jones. Anne and Clare Nowalk were the Junior Bridesmaids. Grooms-men were Douglas Smith, Phillip von Furstenberg, David Railey, John Scott, and Benjamin Nowalk. The flower girl was Ellie Banfield. Fr. William Kummer officiated, and the reception was held at the Penske Center at Culver Woodcraft Camp.

The bride is a graduate of Boston College and the groom a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington. The couple now reside in Rochester, NY.

Birth



Terry and Sarah VanDuyne of Plymouth announce the birth of a daughter born Feb. 7, 2008 at 6:29 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Emaline Grace VanDuyne weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by a brother, Trenton, 18 months.

Maternal grandparents are Tim and Lydia Osborn of Culver. Maternal great-grandparents are Mary Reinhold of Plymouth and David and Helen Osborn of Culver. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Lorene DeWitt of Culver.

Paternal grandparents are Candy VanDuyne of Argos and Tim and Tracy VanDuyne of Plymouth. Paternal great-grandparents are Fred and Dorcas VanDuyne of Rochester. Paternal great-great-grandmother is Irma Riddle of Argos.

The Joy of Faith

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." - John 15:11

There is a Chinese proverb that essentially says: If you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk; if you want to be happy for a few days, get married; if you want to be happy for a week, kill your pig and eat it; if you want to be happy for a lifetime, learn to fish.

With the exception of God, family, and friends, there is

little else that brings me quite as much pleasure as fly fishing. Without getting too romantic, there is something quite enchanting about standing knee deep in a river fishing the day (and sometimes the night) away. As one t-shirt slogan aptly puts it: For me, there's fishing. For everyone else, there's therapy.



Pastor's Corner

By Bryan Siefert
Pastor, Wesley
United Methodist Church

from fly fishing did not happen the first time I stepped out into a river. On my first

encounter I spent most of the day getting my line untangled from every possible snare around me, including myself. Once I learned to cast properly, then I had to learn how to present the fly so that it looked natural. When I learned how to present the fly, I had to learn how to set the hook without losing the fish. To this day, I am still learning new things.

The same is true for the Christian faith. We'd like to believe that faith comes to

us as naturally as the air we breathe. While faith truly is a gift from God, there is much to learn about faith; and we can, and will, spend our entire lifetime learning.

To be a disciple of Jesus requires discipline. After all, "disciple" and "discipline" share the same root word. Yet, too often we approach the Christian faith as if it requires little or nothing from us. The truth is, just as one must spend time and effort learning the techniques of fly

fishing, one must spend time and effort learning the techniques of faith. Part of the enjoyment comes when the entanglements become few because of the disciplines learned through practice.

My challenge for us all is to go to a community of faith and engross ourselves in the disciplines of faith. A lifetime of joy awaits us.

Kernan-Shepard: questions from a rube

Weighing in on the Kernan-Shepard commission recommendations isn't something I've been terribly anxious to do, and particularly not just because it's current and a great many people are talking about it.

However, having heard two area public officials discuss it lately (Sen. Ed Charbonneau and Rep. Nancy Dembowski, respectively, at Culver's Kiwanis Club in recent weeks -- articles about those talks will appear in the *Citizen* next issue), I've been inclined to mull over the whole thing lately.

Let me state at the outset: I'm a bit of a rube when it comes to local and state politics; I have no problem confessing that. Further, I actually *like* some of what that commission has to say, and am a bit more skeptical of some of the rest of it.

Frankly, regardless of specific recommendations, what began to emerge in my mind are some questions not so much about one proposed solution or another, but rather about the basic paradigms that underlie the whole document.

First of all, Sen. Charbonneau -- and later, Dembowski quoting him -- referenced an oft-repeated point that the commission made, one whose origin eludes me, but perhaps started with Gov. Dan-

iels. If a Civil War soldier, said Charbonneau, came to Indiana today, he might not recognize our technology, but he would recognize our system of government. This is a more colorful way of reiterating Daniels' point that Indiana's government has largely been unchanged since the Civil War, something that certainly sounds almost laughably absurd at the outset, or is meant to.

Charbonneau phrased it in the form of a question: "Where else would this be true?"

Well, thought I...the United States government has us beat by almost a hundred years. We still have the Constitution and the basic form of government laid out by the founding fathers!

I suggested this to Rep. Dembowski, who rightly differentiated between the broad principles outlined in something like the US Constitution versus the specifics of state and municipal government.

But are the two really that different? I'm honestly not sure; I'm open to suggestion.

At the heart of suggesting that we should all be shocked by an Indiana government unchanged since the Civil War is the fact -- apparently obvious to some -- that so much else has changed in our world, why wouldn't government follow suit?

But does this really make sense? Sure, technology has changed. And we have more people and nicer roads. But I'm not sure exactly what social and technological changes have to do with the basic structure of governing people in a small representative democracy like Indiana. I'm sincere when I ask for specific examples of what has changed -- other than our general opinions -- that merits a massive overhaul of government?

Again, don't get me wrong: some of this may indeed need overhauling. In fact, I think a lot of people agree that certain portions of the commission's report make sense. But presumably something needs overhauling because it doesn't work very well, not simply because it's *old*. That smacks of

what writer C.S. Lewis once called "chronological snobbery:" the idea that because we live today and not "way back then," we're necessarily smarter and more right. Many of us live in unquestioning acceptance of this highly debatable maxim.

The rest of the political landscape is chock full of politicians claiming their particular view is closest to the original intent of the founding fathers, the bedrock foundation of our government...that sort of thing. I haven't yet heard anyone proudly proclaim they're going to restructure the outmoded American government of 1776.

The other thing that caused me to pause in Rep. Dembowski's talk was the reference to the business model in reforming our government, which again comes from Daniels, I believe. Specifically, she talked about the inefficiency of having a board govern county policies, instead of an elected "county manager" sort of fellow. In a corporation, she noted, we don't have several CEOs...we just have one. More efficient, right?

In all honesty, she (and Daniels, et. al.) may indeed be right. I gather this system works in other areas fairly well. I think what got me puzzling was whether the

corporate/CEO model is unquestionably the best one for operation of a democracy, which after all, is *not* a business corporation, thankfully.

Again, my point isn't really to cast stones at the particular recommendation concerning county management, or any other for that matter.

But the fact is, a lot of the underlying philosophy of Kernan-Shepard accepts unconditionally that business is the best model for government. Frankly, that philosophy, taken to its logical conclusion, scares me.

One point to keep in mind is that democracy, undeniably, is messy. It's a lot messier than a monarchy or dictatorship -- which is what a badly-run business can essentially become. It involves lots of people in cooperation making transparent, accountable decisions that represent the will of its constituents. That takes time and is less efficient than a one-man show. Anyone who has ever had the frustrating experience of having to make even small decisions via committee knows that it's faster and more efficient for one person to just decide and move forward. I'm just not sure that's the best way to run a democracy. On the other hand, it's been rightly pointed out that we live in a *representative* democracy. We do, after all,

hire a president to run our country, though he has a pretty heavy system of checks and balances in place, as I would certainly hope would any individual governing a municipality. Again, though, I hope we can question the basic idea of a corporation model for local government.

Lastly, one individual in attendance at these two recent talks has been Jane Hall, librarian at the Argos Public Library. I don't know Ms. Hall, but as you'll read in the articles on these meetings, she has raised repeated concerns that Kernan-Shepard purported to be open to public opinion, but a) didn't solicit that opinion very aggressively and didn't seem to reflect the views expressed by the public, and b) seemed instead to come out looking exactly as Gov. Daniels had originally proposed. She points out that the decision-making took place behind closed doors and with no disclosure of whose voice was heard, when, and in what capacity.

That, she has said, doesn't sound like a good way for government to operate.

She could have a point there. What do you think?



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney

75 years ago
April 19, 1933

The combined Culver Military Academy and Maxinkuckee Glee Clubs, making a total of 52 voices, will be performing over Ft. Wayne radio station WOWO on Sunday afternoon. Both groups are under the direction of Paul Barada, piano and voice director at the Academy, and have sung to-

gether twice before. WOWO is the strongest radio station in Indiana and can be heard all over the state, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and other bordering states.

The Indiana Audobon Society will visit Culver for its annual meeting on May 13 to visit the famous bird sanctuary at Culver Military Academy.

The first prize for placing 12 large mouth bass into the

new fish hatchery has been awarded to J.M. Miller, who is now the proud owner of a pole and reel presented by the Walker Boat House (editor's note: the fish hatchery in question, having been moved the previous year from the area today known as the Indian trails, west of Culver Academy, was located near the intersection of today's State Roads 10 and 17, just west of Culver).

One thousand two-year-old Norway Spruce trees were given to Culver schoolchildren by Culver Academy landscape expert August Wennerstrom for planting and care, a personal gift of Mr. Wennerstrom (ed. note: Wennerstrom is better known as Culver and Indiana's only survivor of the 1912 sinking of the Titanic ship).

50 years ago
April 16, 1958

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Death came in Plymouth Sunday night to one of the Hoosier state's beloved poets, Lavorne Brown Price, popular staff poet of the Culver Citizen. Her works were widely published across the state and beyond. She was 79 years old.



The Maxinkuckee Junior Women's Club is sponsoring its annual Style Show at the Culver Community Bldg. on April 21. The program will include commentary by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams, organ music by Mrs. Sam Strang, and entertainment by the Culver Choraleers. Modeling for the Culver Clothiers

will be James McCallister, Jerome Zechiel Jr., John Decker, Greg Osborn, Buddy Barnett, and Sam Medbourn Jr. Modeling for the Don Trone shop in Culver will be Mrs. Roger Thews, Judy Thews, Mrs. Robert Melton, Lois Morrison, James Cox,



and Bruce Lindvall. Kennedy's Culver store models will be Mrs. Homer Kemple, Mrs. Richard Hoesel, Mrs. Patrick Hallinan, Mrs. Ronald Mackey, Lynn Mackey, Jackie Campbell, and Connie Sue Kelly. Mrs. Howard Hatten and Miss Patricia Ann Glackman will model accessories from Culver's House of Treasures.

25 years ago
April 20, 1983

Culver's Plan Commission was in a bit of an uproar Tues. night as they discussed construction of a new boat ramp on the Farm Bureau Co-op property at the end of Jefferson St. Manager of the property Jan Miller said that she had obtained the proper permits from several public offices in Indianapolis, who informed her she should not need a local permit. Plan Commission members, who said they had received several phone calls from residents as the construction began, spent some time debating whether the Commission

has any jurisdiction over the property before concluding they would consult the town attorney.

Mrs. Effie Kline of Culver will celebrate her 103rd birthday this Sunday, April 24, and her family would like to invite the public to a re-

ception in her honor at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver, where she resides and has recently taken up bowling. Effie is a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Culver.

The State Dept. of Public Instruction on April 13 granted Monterey Elementary School First Class Certification, the school having climbed the ratings ladder from "Certified" status in 1978, to "Continuous" in 1981, to its present rating. As of now, all the schools in the Culver Comm. School corp. have received the First Class rating.

Pictured is Roy Shepard of Culver's Chamber of Commerce and Ron Tusing, Culver Clean-up co-chairman, going over final preparations for Culver's annual Clean-up Week, May 7-14. The two, along with co-chairman Larry Berger, have been hard at work preparing for the week, which will include a clean-up parade and various activities.

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Sports



CES students learn safety from a pro

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

CULVER — Professional motorcycle road racer Scotty

So much so that he urged Culver Elementary School kindergartners and fifth graders to wear helmets when riding bicycles.

“The most important piece of protection is your helmet because it protects your brain,” he said during a presentation — complete with motorcycle and protective gear — Friday. “Without your brain, your body doesn’t work.”

Of course VanHawk, brother of Culver Elementary fifth grade teacher Raeanne Stevens, always uses a helmet when racing. In fact, the operator of the Four Feathers Racing No. 27 AMA Superbike achieved speeds



month’s Daytona 200.

“They go 190, and they get there in a hurry,” he said of the Suzuki 1000cc bikes. “That’s faster than the NASCAR guys. Two wheels are usually faster than four.”

Although the students pedal their bikes at speeds mere fractions of VanHawk’s bike, the racer emphasized the need for helmets, and encouraged students with-

out protection to consult adults.

“Talk to your teacher, policemen, firemen — they’ll help you get a helmet,” VanHawk said. “I know you may think it doesn’t look cool, but it’s very important to wear a helmet.”

VanHawk’s safety equipment includes a leather suit — “Imagine being wrapped in a big cow,” he said — back support, boots and various forms of elbow and knee protection.

He counseled both age groups to supplement helmet use with elbow and knee pads.

And VanHawk, who started racing in 1997, knows all about the benefits of protective gear.

“I’ve crashed, but not bad enough to keep me from doing it,” he said. “I’ve never

broken my spine, femur, humerus or clavicle. I’ve broken a lot of extremities, shattered my kneecap. My point about breaking bones is that it’s not that big a deal. Everybody breaks bones. They heal.”

VanHawk started his racing career while an engineering student in college.

“I started racing motorcycles and I was good at it,” he said. “It was a lot more fun than what I was doing before. I don’t know what I want to be when I grow up, but I’m going to ride motorcycles for awhile.”

The Warsaw-based team will run an 11-race schedule this year.

PHOTOS/DEANNA L. GRENERT



VanHawk values brains.

of 190 miles per hour at last

Left AMA Superbike racer Scotty VanHawk, right, helps Culver Elementary School kindergartner Kagnie Hoffman, left, put on knee pads. Far left: Culver Elementary School fifth grader John Hopple, left, inspects the brake system of AMA Superbike racer Scotty VanHawk’s, right, bike.

Sports briefs

BASEBALL

Eagles open with win

CMA kicked off its baseball season with an 11-1 win over Morgan Township in five innings Tuesday.

David Gerths surrendered one run in four innings to earn the CMA win.

CULVER MILITARY 11, MORGAN TWP. 1

At Culver

Morgan Twp.: 0 1 0 0 0 — 1 4 2

CMA: 3 0 3 5 x — 11 9 0

David Gerths (W), Aaron Overstreet (5) and Mo Weddington; Darren Grieger (L), John Grubl and Weston Rettinger.

Records: CMA 1-0.

GOLF

Triton wins own invite

Triton edged out Winamac

by a stroke to win the Triton Golf Invitational last Saturday at Rozella Ford Golf Course.

Triton’s TJ Carpenter shot a six over par 76, good enough for second place behind Fremont’s Ronnie Carlson, who carded a 73.

Freshman Griffyn Carpenter finished in fifth place with a 79 for the Trojans.

Culver’s Colin Deery claimed ninth place with an 82.

• TRITON GOLF INVITATIONAL

At Warsaw

Team scores: 1. Triton I 334, 2. Winamac 335, 3. Fremont 336, 4. Culver Community 352, 5. South Decatur 356, 6. Triton II 358, 7. John Glenn 363, 8. Blackford 378, 9. New Prairie 387, 10. Pioneer 396, 11. Southern Wells 408, 12. Caston 417, 13. LaVille 431, 14. South Central

556. Top 10 individuals: 1. Ronnie Carlson (F) 73, 2. TJ Carpenter (TI) 76, 3. Seth Robertson (F) 77, 4. Reece Roush (B) 79, 5. Griffyn Carpenter (TI) 79, 6. Keagan Scott (W) 79, 7. Josh Ruff (W) 79, 8. Jacob Bailey (SC) 82, 9. Colin Deery (C) 82, 10. Chris Scheidler (SD) 83.

TENNIS

Singles power Eagles

CGA’s tennis team swept the three singles slots in its season-opening 3-2 win over Valparaiso Tuesday.

Romina Clemente, Jessica Kutch and Brady Banks all won in straight sets for the Eagles.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, VALPARAISO 2

At Culver

SINGLES: 1. Romina Clemente (CGA) beat Christina Rodick, 6-0, 6-2; 2.

Jessica Kutch (CGA) beat Mia Kalisch, 6-1, 6-0; 3. Brady Banks (CGA) beat Em Moore, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES: 1. Bri Sever/Jordan Lewandowski (V) bat Browning Vaughn/Jill Sitjar, 6-0, 6-2; 2. Krista Schaefer/Allison Hess (V) beat Madison McKinley/Brindy Hamstra, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

Records: CGA 1-0, Valparaiso 1-1.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Triton beats CMA

Triton’s boys track and field team picked up a win over visiting CMA Wednesday.

Troy McIntyre, Adam Creighbaum, Bart Christian, Joel Meister and Austin Davis were all individual winners for the Trojans.

Thomas Anderson, Daniel Ching, Coleman Zimmerman, Tabari Byrd-Williams, Trace Ostergren and Kris Klondaris won one individual event apiece for the Eagles.

• TRITON DEFEATED CMA

FINAL SCORE UNAVAILABLE

At Bourbon

3200 relay: 1. CMA 9:18; 110 hurdles: 1. Thomas Anderson (CMA) 15.6, 2. Daniel Ching (CMA) 15.7, 3. Darrick Ameigh (T) 17.5; 100 meters: 1. Adam Creighbaum (T) 11.4, 2. Tabari Byrd-Williams (CMA) 11.5, 3. Miles Reichard (T) 11.6; 1600 meters: 1. Bart Christian (T) 4:56, 2. Chris Trennepohl (CMA) 4:57, 3. Curtis Nordmann (T) 5:06; 400 meters: 1. Austin Davis (T) 56.6, 2. Dean (T) 56.7, 3. Marcus Shannon (CMA) 57.9; 400 relay: 1. Triton; 300 hurdles: 1. Ching (CMA) 41.2, 2. Anderson (CMA) 46.0, 3. Tommy Devros (T) 50.3; 800 meters: 1. Coleman Zimmerman (CMA) 2:11, 2. Hunter DeKoninck (CMA) 2:12, 3. Ramsey Bradke (CMA) 2:13; 200 meters: 1. Byrd-Williams (CMA) 23.6, 2. Creighbaum (T) 24.0, 3. Troy McIntyre (T) 24.4; 3200 meters: 1. Trace Ostergren (CMA) 10:24, 2. Christian (T) 10:56, 3. Nordmann (T) 11:33; 1600 relay: 1. Triton 3:42; Shot put: 1. McIntyre (T) 42-8.5, 2. Jeremy Dawson (T) 41-2.5, 3. Clint Woodward (T) 40-7.5; Long jump: 1. Joel Meister (T) 18-7, 2. Woodward (T) 18-5.5, 3. Byrd-Williams (CMA) 18-4; High jump: 1. McIntyre (T) 6-0, 2. Brian Corder (T) 5-6, 3. Tyler Borsa (T) 5-4; Discus: 1. Kris Klondaris (CMA) 132-3.5, 2. Dawson (T) 123-5, 3. Reichard (T) 111-3.

Plymouth wins CMA Relays

Plymouth’s track and field team used four individual first-place finishes to secure the 30th annual Culver Military Academy Relays crown last Saturday.

Austin Hodges broke 11 seconds in the 100 meter dash, with a winning time of 10.9 for the Pilgrims. Plymouth’s Derrick Lee (pole vault), Leneil Himes (shot put) and Derek Hill (triple jump) all picked up blue-ribbon marks as well.

Alejandro Arroyo won the 1500 meter run to lead the Eagles.

PLYMOUTH 115, MARION 84, LAPORTE 78, HOBART 77, LOGANSPOUT 54, CONCORD 51, CMA 29

At Culver

High jump: 1. Josh Feuerstein (M) 6-0, 2. Jay Herrera (H) 5-10, 3. Dionte

See “Sports” page 8

CMA lacrosse Texas return yields split results

DALLAS, TEX. — Culver Military played two games over the weekend of March 29 in Dallas, Texas and returned home with split results. CMA lacrosse took its first loss of the season Saturday against Highland Park (5-2) after going 2-0 on the season with an overtime win Friday versus Dallas Jesuit.

Brandon Benn scored four points to lead the Eagles over the weekend with two points in each game. In Culver’s win over Jesuit (9-4), Tommy Ott also scored two points. Barrick Bollman and Blake Saylor each scored a goal in the Highland Park contest, while Greg Miceli, Jonathan Watanabe and Jes-

sie Rabishaw each recorded a point in Friday’s victory.

Micelli was also the Eagles’ leading assist man with two against Jesuit and another one on Saturday. Chris Fox also assisted twice in the Jesuit game, while Cory Hibbeler recorded one of his own on Saturday.

On Defense, goalkeeper Key McKinley logged an incredible 27 saves in the two games, including 18 against Highland Park. Robb Harrison made three saves in each of the Eagles’ two games.

HIGHLAND PARK 14, CULVER MILITARY 4

At Dallas

CMA GOALS: Brandon Benn 2, Barrick Bollman 1, Blake Saylor 1.

CMA ASSISTS: Greg Miceli 1, Cory Hibbeler 1.

CMA SAVES: Key McKinley 18, Robb Harrison 3.

Records: CMA 2-1, Highland Park 5-2.

From Friday

CULVER MILITARY 7, DALLAS JESUIT 6, OT

At Dallas

CMA GOALS: Tommy Ott 2, Brandon Benn 2, Greg Miceli 1, Jonathan Watanabe 1, Jessie Rabishaw 1.

CMA ASSISTS: Miceli 2, Chris Fox 2.

CMA SAVES: Key McKinley 9, Robb Harrison 3.

Records: CMA 2-0, Dallas Jesuit 9-4.

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Students from three local schools study climate change at Culver

On Thursday, March 13, twenty-six students from Knox High School, Culver Community High School, and Culver Academies participated in the Rotary World Affairs Conference: "Climate Change: Quality of Life," hosted by Culver Academies. The students

thy Filley, Associate Department Head of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Dr. Paul Shepson, Director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, Dr. Raymond Leigh, Associate Director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, and Dr. Bryan Pijanowski, Associ-

Science Department Chair at Ancilla College, summarized the remarks made by the Purdue professors and posed several questions for students to think about in their discussion groups. Students met in three discussion groups to investigate questions of climate change in more detail,

The World Affairs Conference Series is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Northern Indiana. Each year, a different topic for the Conference is chosen, and interested high school students are invited to participate in the day-long Conferences. This year's Conference at Culver Acad-



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Students from Culver Comm. High School, Culver Academies, and Knox High School participated in the Rotary World Affairs conference on Climate Change. First row, left to right: Knox students Mike Brown, Emmanuel Resendez, Laura Simpson, Culver Academy student Sarah Warmbein, Knox students Chris Steinke, Colleen Asher (Starke County Environmental Management). Second row, left to right: Culver Academy students Katan Rodriguez and Michael Nelson, Knox students Victoria Powell, Stephanie Minix, and Billy Bogan. Third row, left to right: CHS students Oscar Voorhees, Jesse Good, Lindsey McKee, CHS student Mitch Page, Knox teacher Marge Wood, Knox students Dain Oyler, Zach Trapp, Sarah Hubbard. Fourth row, left to right: Dr. Charles LaFrance (Ancilla College), CHS teacher Theresa Hammond, Knox students Heather Clemons, Kristin Risner (in white blouse with glasses). Fifth row, left to right: Culver Academy student Jake Pflaumer, Dave Hogsett, Plymouth Rotary Club, Knox student Tyler Depoy, Culver Academy students Breely Ungar, Madeline Balchan, and Joon-Hyuk Ma.

viewed presentations on the science and societal impact of climate change by four Purdue professors, Dr. Timo-

ate Professor of Forestry & Natural Resources. Following the presentations, Dr. Charles LaFrance,

before breaking for lunch. The day finished with reports from break-out groups to the entire conference.

emies was sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Culver Comm. Schools menu

Thur., April 17: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy or cereal w/ biscuit, juice, milk. Lunch: Tenderloin Sandwich, French fries, sliced apples, chiffon dessert, milk.

Fri., April 18: Breakfast: Cinnamon stick or cereal w/ cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajita wrap or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk.

Mon., April 21: Breakfast: Sausage gravy pizza or cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Submarine sandwich, season twister fries, pears, cracker, milk.

Tues., April 22: Breakfast: Pancake w/sausage or cereal

w/donut, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pineapple, bread & peanut butter, milk.

Weds., April 23: Breakfast: Scrambled egg square or cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: French toast, sausage, hash brown sticks, juice, milk.

Thur., April 24: Breakfast: Plain bagel w/jelly or cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, peaches, milk.

Fri., April 25: Breakfast: sausage brk. pizza or cereal w/muffin, juice, milk. Lunch: CES/MES Pepperoni pizza or hamburger sandwich, corn, fruit, milk.

Monterey Elem. honor roll

Students on the Monterey Elementary school honor roll, third grading period, are as follows:

All A's:

- Grade 1: Alyssa Kinyanjui, Haley Pennington
- Grade 2: Melissa Bradley, Selina Cunningham

Regular:

- Grade 1: Alyssa Bailey, Charles Binion, Wyatt Binion, Ryan Bradley, Sydney Clinger, Carmen Cook, Aurora Larson, Colton Minix, Zachery Moore, Alexys Neeley, Mary Osborn, Jeb Smith, Olivia Weaver, Rayanne Northcutt, Ja' Caysia Macon
- Grade 2: Christian Botello, Emily Fisher, Kristin

Heise, Jordan Hopkins, Rachel Kunce, Deanna Lewis, Raven Reese, Bryce Reynolds, Dillon Salyer, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbett, Cole Weldon

- Grade 3: Kendra Binion, Nate Carnegie, Makayla Felda, Katie Garland, Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui, Jesse Lamberson

- Grade 4: Mike Henson, Rebecca Rainey, Taylor Smith

- Grade 5: Whitney Hopkins, Elizabeth McElroy, Summer Moore, Alecia Rearick, Jessica Riley, Donna Zehner

- Grade 6: Ashley Braasch, Caleb Dehning, Erin Salyer, Melissa Schalliol

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iting Elliott with his own mental toughness. “That’s the single most important attribute in life,” said Norwich. I have many memories, good and bad, but mostly losing to Coach Elliott and owing him a Mountain Dew. I thought if I invited him here I’d be even!”

Elliott referenced Coca-Cola’s co-sponsorship of the event, “I don’t know where that Mountain Dew comes from; we’re strictly Coke around here!”

He continued by pointing to the need for integrity in the sport of golf, which he said “relies on the honesty of each player. We want kids that are honest and dedicated to the task at hand. Drew is one of those kids. He makes coaching enjoyable.”

Stuart Thomas, who plans to attend Purdue University in the fall, chose principal Hanselman as his honored educator, saying Hanselman – whose son is a close friend of Thomas’ – “has been there for me through the best of times, the worst of times, and all the time...he’s been a great role model for me, like a second father to me.”

Thomas earned a laugh from the audience by adding that Hanselman has “been there anytime I needed him, or times I didn’t necessarily want him to be there!”

For his part, Hanselman noted that principals rarely receive such recognition, adding that he has known Thomas most of his life, as he has many of the graduating seniors. “They’ve all grown into fine young ladies and gentlemen. Stuart is like a member of our family. With that comes a lot of pressure, sometimes put on by me. The reason (teachers and administrators) do what we do is to have an impact on student’s lives. Being honored by Stuart reaffirms this.”

Future Purdue University student Matt Stewart took the podium next, describing himself as an independent thinker usually skeptical of authority and introducing his honored teacher, English and humanities instructor Vickie Benner. “The word on the street is, she’s pretty tough,” Stewart said. “Maybe, but she challenges her students. She has helped me go a little extra to do well in her class.”

Stewart also smilingly apologized to Benner on behalf of a seventh hour class that he described as being “loud, rude, and not studying.

I know (apologizing) doesn’t fix anything, but anyone who cares so much about her class deserves better things!”

Benner accepted the apology with a smile and described him as possessing a vast vocabulary and admirable writing style. “I was impressed with his knowledge in my Humanities class. He knew about current events, the Civil War, Walt Whitman, and the Simpsons...he understands and appreciates literature. I envision his future as wearing a cardigan sweater, smoking a pipe, and teaching at a university.”

Jade Hutchinson cited CHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon as most influential on her, though she started by noting that all of the school’s faculty are “very thoughtful, supportive, and helpful teachers.” She said that Sheldon, however, has helped her during personal hardships and “taught me how to stay strong when life is letting me down. I don’t know where I’d be without her today; she’s been a huge influence on my life.”

Sheldon pointed out that students’ education usually begins with their parents, adding that Hutchinson’s grandmother was one of her first influential teachers, and that she passed away during the past year. “(Jade) has been blessed with many, many gifts,” said Sheldon. “She’s very responsible and extremely nice...she wants to be a teacher, and she will

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-CHS principal Albert Hanselman

make a very fine teacher.”

CHS French teacher Vickie Dearth was chosen by Kylie Gunder, a future St. Joseph’s College student who described Dearth’s classes as “always full of so much joy.”

“I want to thank her for teaching me to have a working vocabulary of the French language, for opening my eyes to French culture, and for making French so interesting that I will keep studying it in college. I deeply admire her generosity. She’s a great example for our community.”

The sense of humor for which Gunder cited Dearth peppered her remarks, including Dearth’s commen-

tary on what she and Gunder have in common. “We’re both cute as can be,” quipped Dearth. “I thought some more, and we’re both pretty smart, too!”

Dearth lauded Gunder’s ambition and active participation in many activities at the school, adding that Gunder’s class was her “dream team.”

Purdue University is the chosen destination for Lyndsey Fisher, who credited science teacher Bob Konzelman for making science fun and with inspiring her to pursue what she wanted, and not just what she felt she was capable of, when Fisher told him she didn’t think she had it in her to pursue a medical career. “He told me I wasn’t just an average student, and if the medical field was what I wanted to do, I should do it.”

Konzelman waved a two-page (single-spaced) list of Fisher’s many academic accomplishments and activities in the school and community. “Lyndsey Fisher is the dream student every teacher wishes they could have every time,” said Konzelman, adding that Fisher is the only senior this year taking two advanced placement classes and that she works two jobs in addition to her other many activities. “By extending herself, she improves everything she touches. Our school and community could not have a better role model for our young people than Lyndsey Fisher.”

Ashley Jones, also Purdue-bound and the recent winner of the coveted Lily scholarship, said that the name of her sixth grade teacher at Monterey Elementary, Todd Shaffer, kept sticking in her head during the process of choosing the most influential teacher in her life. “He showed us that learning could be fun,” said Jones. “He was always really enthusiastic. I was excited about coming to school. I was mad about staying home on a snow day! He has a true passion for everything he does.”

Shaffer said he remembered Jones coming out of her shell that year. “One of my biggest memories of Ashley was her raising her hand often and saying, ‘Mr. Shaffer, that’s wrong!’ I have to admit, quite often she was right. (One) reason I didn’t write a speech tonight was that I was worried she would check my grammar!”

Mitch Page chose Spanish teacher Chris Stevens to honor, saying that Stevens’ simple “hi” meant the world to him and that Stevens is an excellent role model. “His classroom has a fun atmosphere,” said Page. “He

made Spanish a joy no matter what...he’s kind to all. The kindness you’ve shown me will last the rest of my lifetime.”

Stevens said he doesn’t use the word “brilliant” lightly in describing Page. “He’s one of the most intelligent people to grace my classroom,” Steven added. “There seems to be absolutely nothing he doesn’t get...every time he’d approach my desk I’d think, ‘yes he’s got a question!’ But most of the time it was, ‘yes Mitch, you can go to the bathroom.’ I’m excited to see how he’s going to achieve and grow intellectually.”

After thanking her parents for being her support system, Racheal Looney praised math teacher Mike Buschman for being a teacher as well as a friend to his students, saying that his door is always open for students to cry, talk, or vent. Looney shared her recollection that members of her calculus class were starting to doubt their ability to complete the class. “We came into class one day, and there were four or five papers on the board with bad grades on them. They were (Mr. Buschman’s) papers from his college math class. He wanted to show us what he went through, but that he went on to become a teacher.”

Buschman congratulated Looney on being top of her class, and noted that this is his first year to see a class all the way through high school, from its freshman to senior year. “It’s going to be strange to part ways,” he said. “I hold Racheal in the highest regard as a student, and I’m honored and humbled for this recognition.”

Albert Hanselman presented the annually awarded Mary Ann Ransdell scholarship to Lyndsey Fisher, remarking that “if it needs to be done, Lyndsey’s part of it,” and adding that the same spirit was present in the late Ransdell, for whom the scholarship is named. “She would be very proud of Lyndsey,” Hanselman said.

Besides thanking Donna Schwartz for her efforts in coordinating the event for the high school, Hanselman said that middle school teacher Brett Berendt told him that students from this class compete for their grades more than any group he’s taught. “They go after it,” said Hanselman. “And that’s a great quality to have because life is a competition...this group is the best we have to offer. It’s a fantastic group. I always say that the best kids in the world are at Culver Community High School, and they just proved it to you.”

Culver Community Middle School honor roll

Following is a revised version of the honor roll article appearing last week’s paper.

7th Grade
“A” Honor Roll: Morgan Osborn

“A-B” Honor Roll: John Ahlenius, Erin Bau, Bradley Beaver, Ethan Bennett, Micah Budzinski, Holley Caddy, Jennifer Carroll, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Sarah Haynes, MaKennon Hicks, Zachary Kephart, Cody Klimaszewski, Ashley Martinez, Mary McKinnis, Austin Sheldon, Leannza Shipley, Kortney Smith, Collin Stevens, Abby VanHorn

8th Grade
“A” Honor Roll: Kellie Bonine, Dustin Cowell, Bridget Davidge, Kacie Hermanson, Aspen Kitchell, Joe Krsek, Kalee Miller, Robert Norton, Sarah Rakich

“A-B” Honor Roll: Caroline Baker, Marin Barnes, Trenton Becker, Alyssa Binion, Matt Busart, Zach Duplay, Cole Flora, Chandler Gast, Sam Hissong, Chelsey Jones, Emily Rich, Kyleigh Sage, Curtis Stacy, Amanda Steele, Joshua Thompson, Cameron Turney, Kevin VanHorn, Cassie VanSky, Austin Vela

Monterey Elementary BUGS

Monterey Elementary announces its third grading period BUGS (Backing Up Grades Successfully) students.s

• Grade 1: Alyssa Bailey, Ryan Bradley, Sydney Clinger, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Aurora Larson, Colton Minix, Zachery Moore, Alexys Neeley, Haley Pennington, Jeb Smith, Olivia Weaver

• Grade 2: Lance Beaver, Christian Botello, Melissa Bradley, Selina Cunningham, Emily Fisher, Kristin Heise, Jordan Hopkins, Rachel Kunce, Deanna Lewis, Raven Reese, Bryce Reynolds, Dillon Salyers, Johnathon Scaggs, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbett, Cole Weldon

• Grade 3: Dawson Bettinelli, Kendra Binion, Nate Carnegie, Makayla Felda, Katie Garland, Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui, Jesse Lamberson, Kaitlyn Manns, Mattie Martinez, Courtney Salyer, Chris Zehner

• Grade 4: Austin Bailey, Gary Braasch, John Brown, Justin Brown, Samuel Castaneda, Cody Fisher, Adam Guise, Mike Henson, Marixenia Jensen, Kyle Kunce, Lilly Linch, Michael Petty, Rebecca Rainey, Zaria Salary, Taylor Smith

• Grade 5: Darcy Allen, Brandon Hendrickson, Whitney Hopkins, Miranda Hurford, Marcus Manns, Elizabeth McElroy, Summer Moore, Dustin Ooms, Alecia Rearick, Jessica Riley, Alexis Robles, Donna Zehner

• Grade 6: Devon Binion, Sara Bottorff, Ashley Braasch, Marcus Clifton, Caleb Dehning, Justice Rowe, Erin Salyer, Melissa Schalliol, Catlynn Siple, Wyatt Stidham

Floating

CMA’s Hanna Klondaris, left takes off in the long jump.

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forth contributed a win apiece for the Eagles.

Bethany Lemler and Stephanie Stichter scored two first-place finishes apiece for Triton.

• CGA DEFEATED TRITON FINAL SCORE UNAVAILABLE

At Bourbon 3200 relay: 1. Triton 14:12; 100 hurdles: 1. Lauren Johnson (CGA) 18.0, 2. Duff (T) 20.9, 3. Crystal Overmyer (T) 24.8; 100 meters: 1. Erica Sims (CGA) 13.8, 2. Ashley Taylor (CGA) 14.1, 3. Dola Delano (CGA) 15.0; 1600 meters: 1. Kiley Trennepohl (CGA) 5:47, 2. Kaye Sitterley (CGA) 5:52, 3. Stephanie Burian (CGA) 6:00; 400 meters: 1. Sammie Costas (CGA) 1:08, 2. Anisa Holmes (CGA) 1:10; 400 relay: 1. CGA 55.1; 300 hurdles: 1. Johnson (CGA) 51.9, 2. Duff (T) 55.8; 800 meters: 1. Trennepohl (CGA) 2:39, 2. Sitterley (CGA) 2:42, 3. Brittany Wallace (T) 3:13; 200 meters: 1. Sims (CGA) 28.9, 2. Jenna Iwaniec (CGA) 29.7, 3. Deanna Dilts (CGA) 29.9; 3200 meters: 1. Willow Smith (CGA) 13:25,

2. Ashley Kann (T) 15:30; 1600 relay: 1. CGA 4:32; Pole vault: 1. Bethany Lemler (T) 6-0; Long jump: 1. Lemler (T) 13-11.5, 2. Hanna Klondaris (CGA) 13-10.5, 3. Jennifer Strycker (T) 12-8.5; Shot put: 1. Stephanie Stichter (T) 33-9.25, 2. Celeste Kato (CGA) 31-11.5, 3. Brooke Blackford (T) 29-7; High jump: 1. Kim Danforth (T) 4-8, 2. Blackford (T) 4-6; Discus: 1. Stichter (T) 89-6.5, 2. Kato (CGA) 84-10.5, 3. Tamra Schmucker (T) 81-1.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Eagles start on strong note

CGA opened its lacrosse season with a 17-1 win over Penn Wednesday.

Angela Carlson racked up five goals and three assists to lead the Eagles.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 17, PENN 1

At Culver PENN GOAL: Sarah Feely. PENN SAVES: Erin Shay 28.

CGA GOALS: Angela Carlson 5, Clarissa Boggs-Blake 4, Pam Flanagan 2, Jill Eelman, Sarah Freymiller, Leslie Ladd, Lauren Fields, Caitlin Juricic, Jamie Carver.

CGA ASSISTS: Carlson 3, Maddie Balchan 2, Eelman, Freymiller. CGA SAVES: Mary Sam 7. Records: Penn 3-1, CGA 1-0.

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Morrell (M) 5-8, 4. Brent Kunigonis (Con) 5-8, 5. Bo Brown (Log) 5-6, 6. Taylor Milliser (P) 5-4, 7. Brandon Wilson (Log) 5-4; Discus: 1. Ricky Salary (LP) 146-10, 2. Matt McIntire (Log) 134-10, 3. Kris Klondaris (CMA) 131-2, 4. Leneil Himes (P) 129-1, 5. Joel Konkle (Log) 126, 6. Steve Dascy (H) 118-7; Long jump: 1. Mike Lakner (Con) 20-2.25, 2. Jay Herra (H) 19-5, 3. Kent Corsbie (P) 18-8.5, 4. Rodger Cordell (H) 18-6.5, 5. Brock Smith (P) 18-4, 6. Wes Smith (C) 18-2; 100 meter dash: 1. Austin Hodges (P) 10.9, 2. Jeremy Lenson (H) 11.3, 3. Montez Carter (M) 11.4, 4. Jamie Rohrbaugh (Log) 11.9, 5. Carlton Austin (LP) 12.0, 6. Ryan Kolden (CMA) 12.3; Pole vault: 1. Derrick Lee (P) 11-6, 2. Mitch Glassburn (P) 10-6, 3. Chase Christensen (LP) 10-0, 4. Daniel Martinez (Log) 9-6, 5. Oscar Amaro (LP) 9-8, 6. Matt Thompson (Log) 9-6, 7. Ryan McGuire (H) 9-0;

Shot put: 1. Leneil Himes (P) 46-6, 2. Ricky Salary (LP) 44-5, 3. Joel Konkle (Log) 44-1, 4. Bailey Allen (Log) 40-11, 5. Steve Dascy (H) 39-25, 6. Tyler Vermillion (P) 36-7; Triple jump: 1. Derek Hill (P) 41-6.5, 2. Jerred Buzbee (Log) 36-3, 3. Terry Beane (LP) 35-1.25, 4. Roger Cardwell (H) 35-8, 5. Jay Herrera (H) 35-8, 6. Kent Corsbie (P) 35-1.25; 1500 meter run: 1. Alejandro Arroyo (CMA) 4:10.5, 2. Kale Liechty (H) 4:22.2, 3. Kiel Lovekin (LP) 4:22.3, 4. Calvin Cook (P) 4:26.1, 5. Andrew Withowski (Con) 4:36.5, 6. Kyle Overway (Log) 4:39, 7. Jordan Brown (M) 4:49.9; 4 x 100 relay: 1. Marion 44.5 (Montez Carter, Pierre Banks, Dionte Morrell, Sam Trahan), 2. Plymouth 45.0, 3. Hobart 45.4, 4. LaPorte 45.9, 5. Logansport 46.7, 6. CMA 47.7; 4 x 400 relay: 1. Marion 3:32.4 (Kaylon Newcomb, Josh Feuerstein, Brandon Stroud, Devon Randle), 2. Plymouth 3:32.8, 3.

Logansport 3:43.9, 4. Hobart 3:45.6, 5. LaPorte 3:47.1, 6. CMA 4:02.3; 4 x 1600 relay: 1. LaPorte 18:33.3 (Corbin Slater, Tyler Toll, Kiel Lovekin, Matt Miller), 2. Marion 18:52.2, 3. Concord 18:54.2, 4. Plymouth 20:47.5, 5. Logansport 21:05.4, 6. Hobart 21:45; 4 x 110 shuttle hurdle relay: 1. Marion 1:05.4 (John Walker, John Jones, Phillip Walker, Pierre Banks), 2. Concord 1:09.6, 3. Plymouth 1:09.8, 4. LaPorte 1:12.2, 5. Logansport 1:18.2; 4 x 200 relay: 1. Marion 1:33.5 (Devon Randle, Montez Carter, Pierre Banks, Sam Trahan), 2. Hobart 1:35.5, 3. Plymouth 1:35.9, 4. LaPorte 1:36.8, 5. CMA 1:38.1, 6. Logansport 1:42.6, 7. Concord 1:45.3; 4 x 800 meter relay: 1. Concord 8:22.1 (Donald Mulroy, Ben Clark, Todd Dion, Daniel Zelaya), 2. Marion 8:30.4, 3. Plymouth 8:35.9, 4. Hobart 8:40.7, 5. Logansport 8:52.0, 6. CMA 9:00.6, 7. LaPorte 9:01.4; 800 sprint medley relay: 1. Hobart

1:36.2 (Kyle Olsen, Chris Fussell, Jeremy Lenson, Kendall Gunn), 2. Plymouth 1:36.7, 3. CMA 1:30.4, 4. LaPorte 1:40.8, 5. Concord 1:43.2, 6. Logansport 1:47.7; 4000 distance medley relay: 1. LaPorte 10:56.4 (Tyler Toll, Nick Santana, Kiel Lovekin, Matt Miller), 2. Concord 11:07.9, 3. Marion 11:12.4, 4. CMA 11:19.7, 5. Plymouth 11:29.3, 6. Logansport 11:37.8, 7. Hobart 11:54.1.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Eagles down Trojans

CGA grabbed a track and field win at Triton Wednesday.

Lauren Johnson swept the hurdles, Erica Sims won the 100 and 200 and Kiley Trennepohl raced to victory in the 800 and 1600 to lead CGA. Sammie Costas, Willow Smith and Kim Dan-

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Town council grant approved; Culver's Ellert will be United Way vice chair

Staff report

Discussion of the location of a new fire siren on the north end of Culver dominated the April 8 meeting of Culver's town council, with Bill and Sue Roth amongst those expressing concern about the proximity of the siren to their and other nearby residences. Among the concerns were matters of the siren affecting property values, and the question of whether the siren would sound for noon whistles, fire sirens, and tornado alerts, or what combination of the three. Town manager Sean McDermott noted that placement of the siren is dictated by the need for a siren on that end of town and the requirement of three-phase power to operate the siren. He said that he and representatives of NIPSCO will look at other locations for placement of the siren and consider other options and costs.

- In other items, the council formally repealed an ordinance not in use for some time, which charged citizens a fee for private alarm systems running into Culver's police station. The alarms are no longer in use.

- Dan Bickel, owner of the Uptown Cinema in Culver, shared with the council his plan to hold a film festival in Culver near the end of summer.

- The council recently held a work session to discuss a number of issues too involved for lengthy discussion at a regular meeting. Among these were specifics concerning requirements for sidewalk construction in the town of Culver. At the April 8 meeting, the council formalized the new specifications for anyone building a new sidewalk. Town clerk Casey Howard also noted that she will now be accepting applications for the town's cost-sharing program, which allows residents building sidewalks to share the cost of the sidewalk with the town of Culver. The council also approved devoting all \$25,000 of its sidewalk budget to make that program available first to residents.

- Culver EMS director Millie Sytsma updated the council on her department, noting that the EMS had 27 runs during the month of March, bring the year total to date to 90 as of March 31. Sytsma also explained that applications are now being accepted for a Basic EMT class to be held at Culver-Union Township EMS and that those interested could stop by the EMS base at 200 E Washington St for more information or an application packet. The class will begin on August 11. Final date to register is June 20. Health Care Provider CPR, said Sytsma, is a pre-requisite for the EMT course, and that class is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. Registration is required in advance.

Sytsma also congratulated EMS members Barb Penrod and Tiffanie Townsend, who recently completed the Basic Advanced EMT class and passed their state tests. In addition to advanced patient assessment, she said, the 120-hour course included IV skills, cardiac rhythm interpretation, and glucometry skills.

- The council approved the installation of a new phone system in the town hall by Culcom, and approved the purchase of several items by Culver's fire department. Included are several first responders, an AED external defibrillator, three new sets of full fire and rescue gear for recent trainees, a fire-proof safe capable of holding larger documents – for the department's historic records, and a photocopier.

- The town of Culver has received confirmation of acceptance of the planning grant recently applied for, according to town manager McDermott, who presented council president Ralph Winters with \$2,000 check from the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, whose donation was intended to help show support for the ecological benefits of a study of the town's infrastructure and needed improvements, which is the intent of the \$40,000 grant. Winters and McDermott thanked the LMEC and area residents for their letters of support, without which the town wouldn't have received the grant, said McDermott.

- Another portion of the council's recent work session examined not only the matter of area business Portside Marina and its need to expand its facilities, but also the much-discussed need to repave Lake Shore Drive. Due to the severe flooding issues on that street, a comprehensive paving repair upwards of \$500,000 would be premature, the council decided. Instead, the upcoming planning study will first examine Lake Shore Drive to thoroughly diagnose its deficiencies before paving. At issue is whether to opt for a \$100,000 overlay of the existing pavement on that street, or to conduct a complete rehabilitation of the largest section, with ADA-compliant sidewalks and total brick removal. The study could start within a week, according to McDermott.

- McDermott also reported meeting with Larry Surrissi concerning a renovation project outside at his City Tavern restaurant on Lake Shore Drive, concerning safety issues on and around the sidewalk there. Surrissi gave McDermott a schedule of work on the project for the next four to five months which would see paving and landscaping complete. The council, citing safety concerns, would like that schedule tightened up.

- McDermott explained that he is working on an annexation proposal on the outer perimeters of Culver, where sewer and water are currently already available. This is the first wave of a process of annexing those parcels abutting current water and sewer lines, he said.

- He added that representatives of Cityworks software will do a demonstration of their computer program at the next council meeting. Cityworks handles integration of the county GIS system for utilities, layering of sewer and water lines over GIS maps, the creation of work orders, digitized maps, and tracking of problem areas.

- Town attorney Ron Gifford is finalizing a storm water and grease control ordinance which will probably be finalized at the next council meeting or soon thereafter.

- McDermott also asked the Citizen to note to readers that any alteration to sidewalks, decks, or fences on one's property should include a call to the town hall for a building permit. He also reported receiving two complaints in the same day of people parking vehicles in such a way that they block alleys. McDermott reiterated that alleys are not parking areas, and that parking to block them risks having a vehicle towed.

Ed Ruiz, 2008 Campaign Chair for the United Way of Marshall County and Vickie Talcott, President of the United Way Board of Directors, announce the appointment of Francis Ellert as the Vice-Chairman for 2008. In accepting the position, Ellert will become the Campaign Chairman in 2009. In announcing the appointment, Ed Ruiz stated he was pleased that Francis accepted the position and was looking forward to working with him. "I have known Francis for several years and feel confident he will contribute to the success of this year's campaign. Our mutual goal is to continue the half-million dollar campaign for Marshall County and ensure that goal for years to come," said Ruiz.



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Above: Francis Ellert of Culver has been appointed Marshall County United Way vice-chairman for 2009. Here he is joined by campaign chair Ed Ruiz (middle) and executive director Jennifer Maddox (right).

Francis Ellert, a Cleveland, Ohio native, graduated from Chanel High School in 1986. He earned a B.A. in History from John Carroll University in 1990. He was introduced to Marshall County when he attended summer schools and camps at Culver Academies. Currently Francis is employed in Plymouth as Plant Manager of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Kokomo, Indiana, Inc.

Both Ruiz and Ellert are graduates of Leadership Marshall County Class VIII. Ellert currently serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Marshall County. In addition, he serves on the boards of directors of the following organizations: Ancilla College Board of Trustees (Secretary), Culver Chamber of Commerce (Past President), Culver Club of Culver (President), Culver Planning Commission, Marshall-Starke Development Center (Treasurer), Plymouth Rotary Club (Past Treasurer), and the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Plymouth.

Francis resides in Culver with his wife, Susan, and their four children, Betse (9), Pierce (7), Fritz (5) and Cabot (3).

Ellert was pleased to accept the position. "I believe in the need for philanthropic giving to promote better communities" said Francis. "I have a strong commitment to community service and United Way serves as a reputable vehicle to get contributions into the community efficiently. It is an honor for me to help Ed, his team, and the citizens of Marshall County."

The United Way of Marshall County partners with 15 Member Agencies to provide services for the elderly, youth activities, those in need and health services. United Way also supports programs across the county separate from the Member Agencies.

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