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In Brief

LMEC workshop

On Sat., May 17 The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will sponsor an Invasive Aquatic Plants I.D. Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library. The LMEC has invited aquatic plant specialist Mark Mongin to Culver to teach residents how to identify the hydrilla plant and distinguish it from other aquatic plants common to lakes in this area. This workshop is intended for all lake users and will include marking and reporting procedures to be followed if the plant is found. Attendees will be working with live plant species as well as mounted plants. No reservations are required.

Culver Farmer's Market opens

The Culver Chamber of Commerce announces the opening of Culver's Farmer's Market, located at the northwest corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets near downtown Culver. The Market will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, and will feature fresh produce, flowers, crafts, honies, jams, and more. Interested vendors may call Barb Linhart at 574-842-2648.

St. Mary's festival Memorial Day wknd.

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver will hold its first annual Parish Festival over Memorial Day weekend, including a Casino Night May 23 and a Spring Carnival and silent auction May 24. Casino Night, from 7:30-10:30 p.m., features Texas Hold'em, poker, bingo, black jack, roulette, and more. Prizes will be awarded to highest winners, all players must be 21 years old, and there is a \$10 fee at the door. The Spring Carnival May 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. features a dunk tank, ring toss, balloon board, fishing, moonwalk, face painting, food, music, and more. The silent auction, 5:30-8 p.m., includes a \$10 door charge, a raffle drawing (\$5,000 or half the gross if less than \$10,000), and auction items include a Ledbetter cruise, Academy fitness center membership, tor of ABC 7 Chicago studios, original art by local artists, gift baskets, spa or massage at Swan Lake, and more.

Buddy Poppy Day May 24

Distribution of Buddy Poppies in Culver will take place Saturday, May 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Culver's VFW Post 6919 and its Ladies Auxiliary

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Welcome Culver Academy alumni



Left: Over 1,200 guests will visit Culver this weekend as Culver Academies welcomes its alumni for Reunion Weekend.

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Raising Old Glory

Right: Culver's VFW dedicated a new American flag for the Culver fire station April 26 to replace the flag blown down in last September's severe storm. Raising the flag are Ralph Neff, L.B. Montgomery, and Rich Kelso. Standing are, left to right, VFW Commander Judd Rouch, Brian Linhart, and Culver fire chief Mike Grover. Thanks to Lynn Overmyer and Barb Linhart for assistance in identifying people in this photo.

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Earth Day every day

Culver Elementary School sixth grader Trent Elliott illustrates the need to conserve water as part of an Earth Day play April 23 at CES. The play, coordinated by sixth grade teacher Missy Trent, was performed for all grades at the school and featured Trent's class in several vignettes and "commercials" on conservation.



PHOTO/CAROL ANDERS

Marshall County Clerk Julie Fox, Edith Strait, Richard Strait

Still exercising her right to vote

101-year-old Culver resident has been voting at least 80 years

By Carol Anders
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — Friday, Culver resident Edith Strait voted — as she has one every year since she was old enough to vote. "My memory is a little hazy, so I can't remember whether the age to vote then was 18 or 21, but now that I'm 101, you know I've voted a lot of times," she said. She added, "I've been able to vote against several (can-

didates) who were not for the people." With only the use of a walker, Strait walked into the Marshall County Clerk's Office to vote absentee. Although she has nearly complete loss of hearing, she is able to read. She said, "I can still read the names on the ballot." Strait lives alone in an apartment at the Culver Cove. She came to the county in or around 1933 after grad-

uating from Albion College in 1928. Her long teaching career included instructing fourth grade at West School and home economics in the Culver Schools. She was paid by script at her first teaching assignment since no money was available. Accompanying her to the polling site was her son Richard Strait. Richard was formerly a dentist in Bourbon where he still resides.

Heated exchange marks library board meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A heated exchange between members of the public and some members of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board ensued during the public comment portion of the May 6 board meeting. Discussion began when audience member Alfred Nyby, who had raised concerns about handling of library finances at previous meetings, distributed handouts containing library financial figures, saying he and several people in Culver are concerned about excessive spending at the library. Nyby also suggested the library consider hiring an independent accountant to "go through the books and try to straighten them up."

Pointing out that the state auditor checks the library's books, board president Ron Cole told Nyby the board wouldn't discuss the matter. Board member Phil Mallory added, "Public input is for comment, not discussion."

Nyby countered that he had asked library director Carol Jackson to put him on the agenda for the meeting and had been told by her that she would do so (Nyby was not on the meeting's agenda). Audience member Russ Mason added, "Why wasn't he put on the agenda if he asked to be on it? If he was on the

agenda, we could have had a discussion. It's not proper to not put him on agenda. We don't want the library board to give the public the impression that you're trying to hide something. I don't think you are. If you're not trying to, you should discuss this."

Mason asked Jackson why Nyby wasn't on the agenda. "After asking several board members," she replied, "it was decided there was not a specific subject (presented by Nyby). Mr. Nyby just told me he wanted to be on the agenda."

Nyby countered that he had given Jackson a document which she told him would be referred to the library's attorney, and that he then asked to be on the agenda and was told he would be.

"I think everything that needs to be known about the library's finances (is) publicly available," said Mallory. "There are people making everything a discussion instead of a statement; it is obvious that there are agendas here other than library business...one of the problems stated was we're spending too much money, and the board doesn't agree."

Mason replied that he was interested in discussion of financial balances in the library's budget. "The ground always shifts," said Mallory. "The spending didn't stir See "Library page 2

Kelly will bring 'much happiness' in Dusty's absence

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

More than a week after her beloved pet cockatiel Dusty flew away from the window of 84-year-old Iris Hyland's home, as reported in last week's Citizen, the bird is still missing. However, Hyland's story doesn't end there, and even if Dusty does not return, her owner will not remain "birdless."

"After I lost (Dusty)," says Hyland, "I got in touch with Judy Brumley from LaPaz and she said I could have another baby. (She) was going to mate (her bird), "Baby," so I could have a baby. That

would have taken a couple of months before I could get him, but she e-mailed me back and said she had a baby that I could have immediately. So on Monday my grandson, David Noel, took me to LaPaz and Judy had six babies, four females and two males. Of these I picked "Kelly." Judy gives "birth certificates" with her babies and when I saw it, I saw the grandfather's name was Kelly, and decided that was his name."

Hyland, who used to raise birds herself, says her love for cockatiels began with her first "white face split" baby



cockatiel in Florida from my daughter Sandy's neighbor. Before long, Hyland had three of the birds, her family eventually deciding they were too much work for her in addition to her mini schnauzer, Jackie. Hyland found Brumley in LaPaz, who took her See "Kelly" page 12



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going to start sniping...the state board is happy with the books.”

“I don’t think so,” Mason said. “They wrote you up.”

Board member Rita Lawson told Nyby he needed to be specific about what he wanted on the agenda. “When I talked to Carol (Jackson),” said Nyby, “she didn’t have to tell me to be specific? She could just ignore it instead of telling me to be specific?”

“Any time that someone has an issue they want discussed by the board,” said Mallory, “they need to submit the issue and it would probably be a good idea to state exactly what the issue is. The board sets the agenda, period. This ain’t a town meeting...we are not required to even answer questions. That’s a simple fact.”

“You’re speaking of the letter of the law,” countered Mason. “What about the spirit of the law?...you’re serving the public.”

“No, sir,” interjected Mallory. “We do not serve the public. We serve the library. There’s a difference...we are not elected. We have no responsibility to the public, except to the library.”

Mason responded that the board is handling his tax money, and asked, “Who’s the library? It’s a building?”

“Who’s General Motors?” Mallory asked. “It’s an institution.”

“...With stockholders,” Mason insisted. “We’re the stockholders of our library. We’re the taxpayers. That’s who you’re responsible to. If you don’t believe that, then you don’t belong on this board.”

“I decided I wanted to serve on this board to give something back,” Mallory said. “I have never seen such sniping, backbiting people.”

Audience member Leroy Bean interjected, “Excuse me...pardon me...I don’t care if you’re on this board or any board. You are out of order when you talk like that!”

Board member Carol Saft read an excerpt from the reference manual for Indiana public library boards concerning finances. “We have to know enough to feel comfortable that money is coming in and going out according to (the budget),” she said. “That’s what we’re really trying to do.”

“When you say that and I look through records and find that’s not the case,” said Nyby, “when do I get the time to talk about that?...I want to bring that question up and it’s called sniping. Who do I talk to about these potential violations?”

Asked by Mallory if he felt the state board of accounts is incorrect in its assessment, Nyby asked Mallory if he had read the library’s audit. “I’m not an accountant,” replied Mallory.

“You don’t have to be to read it,” Nyby said. “It’s clear. There are so many discrepancies in your records; if you don’t want to hear about them, how do you think they’ll get better?”

Saft said it appears that the library is on budget at the moment, and she asked Nyby to allow the board time to review what he gave them. “Let us look at it. We can give you input next time. It’s not fair for us to say we’re going to get it figured out here and now.”

Reiterating his comment that the board should follow the spirit of the law and not the letter, Mason added, “The board minutes are available (to the public), the finance reports are available, but you aren’t. How do you want the public to communicate with the library board? I think that’s a reasonable question.”

Board president Ron Cole told the Citizen that the board will meet in the near future to discuss library finances.

In other news, Saft thanked director Jackson for making the library’s financial reports available before the meeting so the board could go over them. Jackson also commented on three items brought up at last month’s meeting, explaining that the negative balance in the children’s gift fund was due to that fund being an unrestricted account, which allows transfers to be made between it and two other funds. She noted that a couple of items had been posted to the children’s account last month that had made it negative.

She also explained that a deposit previously made but not earmarked for the library’s PLAC account had caused that account to end with a negative balance last month and clarified that the recent Rainy Day Fund overage check the library received was not for the Rainy Day Fund and debt services account, but the Rainy Day fund and operating budget instead.

Jackson also reported favorably on a recent trip she and children’s librarian Linda Thorne made to Columbus, Ohio to a public library conference. “As a small library,” she said, “we’re ahead and doing a lot more than some libraries at this conference. We have a healthy budget and programming and attendance; we’re way over some of the bigger branches. We came away feeling very confident in what our library is doing, very excited that we’re up with the big dogs.”

She added that Indiana public libraries are not unique in funding cuts and other challenges, and that some large library systems had to shut down in other states. “It’s a nationwide deficiency.”

In response to board member Dave Campbell’s asking whether the library has “all the bases covered in terms of programs and services,” Jackson responded positively.

Jackson also said that the library’s local history and genealogy director Colleen Carpenter Rowe has developed several programs for National Historic Restoration month in May, and that the library’s genealogy group has started meeting again. The board approved upgrading Rowe’s status from part time to full time at Jackson’s request. Jackson said the upgrade had been allotted for previously in the library’s budget, and she praised Rowe as “a great asset” to the library.

She added that Thorne and young adult assistant Alison Schultdt are visiting local schools promoting this year’s summer reading program at the library. She added that several restaurants had already committed to this summer’s Taste of Culver festival and several items have come in for the library’s Autographed by the Celebrity – of ABC – auction later this year.

Jackson noted that the children’s area’s old carpeting had been torn out and there was an additional cost of \$957 for the new carpet because the cost of the new had gone up by the time the decision was made to upgrade. She also said that trees have been planted around the west parking lot of the library and the lot is ready to be sealed and striped.

Board president Cole also said that treasurer Rebecca Church is leaving the board and a new person coming in.

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will distribute the poppies assembled by disabled veterans and distributed to disabled and needy veterans as well as wives and orphans of deceased veterans in an effort to “honor the dead by helping the living.” As part of its formal proclamation of the day, the town urged citizens to contribute generously and wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of gratitude to the men and women who risked their lives for American freedom.

SR 110 closed

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces State Road 110 (S.R. 110) will be closed at Eddy Creek along the Fulton/Marshall County line on or after May 1 through August 2008 during a bridge replacement project. The S.R. 110 Eddy Creek bridge is approximately 4 miles west of U.S. 31.

Residents will have access to their properties on either side of Eddy Creek. But through traffic will be detoured. Eastbound S.R. 110 traffic will be directed to take State Road 17 (S.R. 17) north to State Road 10 (S.R. 10) east to U.S. 31 south and back to S.R. 110. Westbound S.R. 110 traffic will be detoured to U.S. 31 north to S.R. 10 west to S.R. 17 south and back to S.R. 110.

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 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.

Community meal at Grace May 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church. All are welcome.

CES collects books for babies

Culver Elementary School’s fifth grade Voyager’s classes are having a book drive in which they are collecting new board books to donate to newborn babies. Marshall County Reading Council has sponsored “Books for Babies” for six years. The project has grown more successful every year. This year they would like to collect 400-600 books to fill bags for the county’s new babies. Books will be delivered to Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, and Bremen Community Hospital.

Those wishing to donate books may drop them off at the school.

Young Angler Tournament

On Sat., May 24, starting at 7:30 a.m., the Culver Marina will host the Angler Young Angler Fishing Tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee. The Angler Young Angler Tournament objective is to introduce and educate young anglers to competitive sport fishing in a friends and family oriented, fun-filled team format. AYA Maxinkuckee

tournament entry forms and more tournament information are available online at www.ayamaxinkuckee.com. For more information on the AYA series, the Angler Young Angler website can be found at www.angleryoungangler.ca.

Tour de Max

On Saturday, May 17, Culver’s Tri Kappa will sponsor its 10th annual Tour de Max bike 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 allow.

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.

Genealogy group invites newcomers

A group of local genealogy enthusiasts are welcoming newcomers to their weekly gathering in the Center for Culver History, lower level of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library. The group meets each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon and offers a welcoming environment to fledgling as well as more experienced persons interested in pursuing their family roots. Computer research is assisted by group members, and the library’s paid genealogy and history databases -- which include Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and Newspaper Access -- are available to all.

Hist. Preservation Month events

The Culver-Union Twp. Public library will observe National Historic Preservation Month during May with several offerings including: Photo Preservation Techniques, a workshop with Creative Memories consultant Angela Kring on Tues., May 13 at 6:30 p.m. On Tues., May 20 at 6:30 p.m., Todd Zeiger, director of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana’s northern office, will present “Respectfully Rehabbing your Vintage Home for Energy Efficiency and Modern Demands.” On Weds., May 21 at 6:30 p.m., the library’s Andrew Baker will present “Photo Restoration Techniques,” a class which will discuss pros and cons of using a scanner or digital camera to preserve one’s memories, and practical techniques for using Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 to restore and improve historic photos.

Run for a Cause June 14

The fourth annual Run for a Cause 5K run / walk and 10K run will take place June 14 in Plymouth, starting at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit CASA of Marshall County (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children). For more information contact Brad Serf at 574-286-3536 or register online at www.signmeup.com/60600 or www.plymouthknights.org. Start and finish area at Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 East Jefferson Street, Plymouth. The run travels through Centennial Park on the Greenways Trail, then returns to the Hall. Entry fee is \$18, and preregistered participants receive a commemorative event t-shirt.

MCHS dinner

The Marshall County Historical Society’s 37th annual dinner will be held Tuesday, May 20 at Christo’s Banquet Center. The social hour begins at 6:30 pm with dinner following at 7 p.m.

There will be recognition

of volunteers followed by entertainment by Anna Liechty, writer and retired English teacher, who will portray the Huckleberry Queen in all her glory.

The annual dinner is open to the public and tickets are \$18 for the meal and program. This price is all inclusive. Call 574-936-2306 or stop by the museum at 123 N. Michigan St., Plymouth for tickets. Deadline for ticket purchase is Friday, May 16.

Citizen cell phone

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

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., May 15: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, bread & margarine, green beans, applesauce, cake, milk.

Fri., May 16: Chicken & broccoli casserole, beefs, sweet potato patty, mandarin oranges, apple pie, milk.

Mon., May 19: Sloppy joe & bun, diced tomato, tossed salad, shredded cheese, corn, pineapple, milk.

Tues., May 20: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, bread & margarine, peaches, milk.

Weds., May 21: Chicken breast & gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach or greens, bread & margarine, mandarin oranges, fig newton, milk.

Thurs., May 22: Stuffed green pepper, corn on the cob, tomato and cucumber salad, banana pudding, wheat dinner roll and margarine, milk.

Fri., May 23: Chicken chop suey, rice, cottage cheese, fruit cocktail, pie, milk.

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Obituary

John P. Plante Jr. Aug 10, 1931 - May 4, 2008

CULVER — Mr. John P. Plante Jr, 76, of Culver, passed away Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 10:24 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

John was born Aug. 10, 1931 in Ora, one of six children to John and Ethel (Greer) Plante. He attended Ora School and Knox High School.

John served in the US Marine Corps from 1950-1954. He participated in operations against enemy forces in South and Central Korea, in which he received several medals for combat. He entered the Navy Reserves in 1962, and served 27 years until his retirement in 1989. John was very proud of his military service, and looked forward every year to attending his Marine Corps Brotherhood and Survivors reunion of the How Co., 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, First Marine Division, FMF Korea 1950-1953.

John worked for 42 years at Culver Academies as the Building Maintenance Supervisor, and was a bus driver for athletic events and other school functions. He was a lifetime member of the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 of Culver and the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post 399 of Monterey, and was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Maxinkuckee Lodge 373.

On May 9, 1953 he married Joyce E. Mikesell at the Mt. Hope Church, Culver. Their daughter Gloria Diana was born on June 13, 1954. Their son, Wayne Michael was born on Jan. 26, 1957.

John is survived by his wife, Joyce of Culver; son, Wayne of Deland, Fla.; son-in-law Gary Hinton of Culver; grandson, Peter (Kellie) Manzuk of Plymouth; granddaughter, Andrea Manzuk of Phoenix, Ariz.; and grandson, David Plante of Elkhart. John had six great-grandchildren: Matthew Manzuk of Plymouth, and Colin, Tyler, Regan, Blake, and Kendall Plante of Elkhart. John is also survived by his sisters: Camilla (John) Brettin of Knox, Donna Hunnicutt of Ora, and Betty (Richard) Brettin of Knox.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Vern and Richard; and daughter, Gloria.

Services were entrusted to the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, where friends joined the family in celebration of John's life on Monday, May 12, 2008 from 2 to 8 p.m. EDT. Rev. Curtis Heydt officiated funeral services of Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 10 a.m. EDT at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you please consider contributions to one of the following: Culver Community Christmas Fund, c/o Marlene Mahler - Union Township Trustee, the Culver Food Pantry, c/o Pat Birk, or Hospice of Marshall County.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

Birth - Black



Zachary A. and Brandy D. Black of Rochester are the proud parents of a son born at 3:34 p.m. Tues., April 8 at Woodlawn hospital, Rochester. Branson Lee Arlan Black weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 21 inches.

Maternal grandmother is Sherry L. Reagan, Rochester. Paternal grandparents are Cathy and Michael Faylor, Jr., Culver.

Maternal great-grandparents are Charles and Dorothy Knight, Rochester. Paternal great-grandparents are Ed and Nita Rickman, Culver

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Community Calendar

Thursday, May 15

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
BZA mtg, 6:30 p.m., town hall
Knights of Columbus mtg, 7 p.m., St. Mary's church rectory basement.

Friday, May 16

Culver Academies alumni reunion weekend (all weekend)
Just Say No parade, 1:30 p.m., Culver Elementary-downtown Culver

Saturday, May 17

Tour de Max bike race, 8 a.m., Culver beach lodge
Carillon recital, John Gouwens, 4 p.m., Culver Academies chapel

Sunday, May 18

Culver High School band & choir concert, 3 p.m., Culver High School

Monday, May 19

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, May 20

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Plan commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Wednesday, May 21

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Thursday, May 22

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Letter to the editor

Dog safety

On May 5 I observed a dog being hit by a car on the street here in Culver. There was no one to blame, the driver was not speeding, the dog had simply gotten away from his owner for a moment and darted into the path of the car -- it was an accident!

The reason I am writing this letter is to remind everyone who shares their life with a dog to PLEASE keep the



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Rally 'round the flag

Members of Culver's volunteer fire department gather around the new flag dedicated April 26 by Culver's VFW (see photo, caption page 1). Front row, left to right: Firemen Jim Grover, Bobbi Cooper, Jim Bonine, Brandon Cooper, Glen Whitmarsh, Jerry Siler, and the VFW's Comander Judd Rouch, Rich Kelso, Brian Linhart, Ralph Neff, L.B. Montgomery, and Charlie Nix. Second row: Dave McKee and Terry Wakefield. Third row: Pete Pederson, Bryce Lindvall, chief Mike Grover, and Dave Cooper. Thanks to Lynn Overmyer and Barb Linhart for assistance in identifying people in these photos.

Upcoming Highlights, May, 2008:

Culver High School grad, May 23
Culver Kiwanis Club Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, Culver Cove, May 24
Memorial Day/Gold Star ceremony, Culver Academies, May 26
"Moby Dick - the Musical" play, Culver Academies, May 24, 29, 30.

Engagement - Brown, Hamilton

Joe Christopher Hamilton of Monterey and Jennifer Susanne Brown of Monterey announce their engagement to be married May 24, 2008 in Rochester. The bride is the daughter of the late Sandra K. Brown of Rochester and Harold and Brenda Brown of Akron, She is a 2002 graduate of St. James High School and is a homemaker.

The future groom is the son of Charles D. Hamilton of Bremen and Karen Shidler of Rochester. He is a 2001 graduate of Culver Community Jr.-Sr. High School. He is employed with the Army Reserves, Kingsbury and AMSA 133 South Bend as a mechanic on light and heavy duty military and government vehicles.

Engagement - Allen, Snider



Guy Eric Snider of Culver and Stephanie Ann Allen of Culver announce their engagement to be married Sept. 27, 2008.

The future bride is the daughter of Patrick and Barbara Allen of Delong. She is an office manager with Snider Construction, Culver.

The future groom is the son of Shirley Snider of Argos. He is owner of Snider Construction, Culver.

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'The Academy and the town have to work together.'

Still relevant thoughts from our predecessors, 40 years later

By Jeff Kenney

With Culver Academies' alumni reunion weekend upon us, and preview coverage of that event featured prominently in this issue of the Citizen, it seemed a proper time to run excerpts from an article that debuted in the autumn, 1968 issue of the Academy's Alumnus magazine, and which remains just as timely and relevant as ever.

Few can recall a time when the relationship between Culver Academy and the town that bears its name wasn't a topic of discussion, wherever one's own opinion fell on the matter. What has always

been true and is no less so today is that the town of Culver needs the Academy; that the school provides economic stimulus, employment, and – for that matter – a level of culture and credibility to the area. At the same time, the Academy needs positive relations with the town: for the sake of its students and faculty (both of whom venture into the community regularly) and its visiting parents and alumni, that all might meet with a positive and mutually respectful interaction with the people of this community.

40 years ago, Alumnus editor David Gaskill (who still lives in the Culver area) addressed the topic of Academy-community relations by featuring thoughts on the matter by several of the school's well-known employees and



Roy Scott

people in the community in

general (perhaps most prominent W.O. Osborn, State Exchange Bank president for years, whose comments possibly sum up the discussion over all). What follows are excerpts -- reprinted with the kind permission of Bob Hartman of the Culver Academy archives -- from that article from the voices of well known and well remembered voices of Culver's past.

"From my first day as a waiter, those boys got in my heart, and I've never got them out. I've talked to many a kid out there, and I've kept a lot of them out of devilment. In fact, it got along up in the years when I just thought the place belonged to me. I did everything I could to improve it. I call that my home. I loved it and do yet. This has been my home. I wanted to stay. That place has been my heart from the day I arrived. I really love it." -**Charlie Dickerson, 1904-1953 head waiter for 44 years.**

Roy 'Sheep' Scott, 1902-1946 Dining Hall waiter and custodial supervisor



Evert Hoesel

"If it hadn't been for the pleasure and challenge of doing my work, then I probably should have looked around somewhere else. I built some boats, some racing shells and the two large boats, the Fowler and Yarnell, without having someone train me in that particular work. I had to study and learn it myself in order to do it. I was my own boss. I never had anybody tell me what I had to do. Not that they didn't have the authority, but they just didn't

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start to run the shop for me." -**Wilfred 'Bud' Craft, 1919-1966 Boat Shop foreman and former town board president**

"My association with the cadets, who are young and full of vim and vigor, has meant the most to me. One of the difficulties of working in an office where discipline is meted out is that you become known as that kind of office, and it's a challenge, always, to try to keep a relationship with the youngsters which will overcome this feeling, even though they get some no's when they'd rather have a yes." -**Miss Verda Romig, Commandant's secretary since 1925**

"You get a feeling that money doesn't mean everything. I'm at home, and I've got my feet stuck in this Culver mud. I'm going to stay on as long as possible. I try to do good work, and it has been very satisfactory. There's a lot of work to be done. A lot of improvement can be made, and I can do masonry of any kind. I've benefited the Academy, and the Academy has benefited me. When I work at the Academy, it's like my own home, and I want to treat it as such. A lot of fellas feel the same way." -**Dave Burns, masonry foreman first employed in 1928 and Culver fire chief.**

"My job as head waiter and the privilege of meeting all the alumni and their families as they come back means the most to me. All my life the alumni have been kind to me. They didn't have to. I talked to the boys and tried to make them feel at home. As plebes they would come to me, and I would try to make them feel welcome. My



William Taber

wife and I sent our three kids through college. We stuck with it, and now they're on their own and making good. We raised our family, belong to the church, and my wife teaches a Sunday School class." -**Charlie Dickerson, 1904-1953 head waiter for 44 years.**

"The Academy must come first with regard to its business of education, and we have to come second. The businessmen of Culver appreciate any business they can get. Without the Academy, I'd probably have to close the show in the winter." -**Evert B. Hoesel, owner, El**



Betty Pierce

Rancho Theater

"Several of our finest teachers are wives of Culver faculty members. Their children go to our elementary school, and we're interested that they have a good program. Back in the teenage era of the Academy and the

A spiritual recovery

Let me share a little of myself with you today. This Sunday I will run my 11th marathon of 26.2 miles. I've always enjoyed running, yet there was a time when my active life came to a shocking and painful halt. 21 years ago I suffered a herniated disk in the lower back, which left me bedridden and homebound for nearly two months. I was confronted with more than enough time to think, pray, read, talk, and reflect. I began a renewed process of self-discovery and evaluation.

Prior to entering the ministry I worked at a bank. We moved several departments to a new location. As with all moves, boxes were shifted and lifted. This particular morning a couple of boxes, containing microfilm, needed moving. A young man and I volunteered for this effort that ended up more taxing than anticipated. Afterwards my body reacted in shock. I became nauseous and broke out in a cold sweat, feeling a little faint. Moments later the sensations subsided and I dismissed it as nothing. That evening I continued my regular activities, including running.

The next morning I felt discomfort in my right hamstring. I must have strained the muscle in the previous night's run - I thought. I took some care in stretching the muscle and keeping it warm. The next day the discomfort increased. At that point I suspended my running. The third day I was noticeably limping. By the fourth day I was not only limping, but walking hunched over unable to straighten. My condition deteriorated rapidly. The pain increased no matter what I did. I still treated my muscle as a "pull" and figured I must have strained my

town there may have been room for some criticism on the part of the town and the Academy. The relationship has been strengthened because people have a greater appreciation for one another with age. What's true of individuals is also true of institutions. As far as the town board is concerned, the relationship with the Academy is good. When we sit down to talk over mutual problems, the relationship has to be good to accomplish anything. The superintendents have done a lot of good to strengthen the relationship." -**Donald Osborn, president Culver Town Board**

"Without the Academy the town would die, including me. The Academy represents 95 percent of my business. I hear rumors that they don't cooperate, but the Academy and town have to work together. The Academy is the big brother. The town has to be inviting to Culver's patrons. The town has to keep up appearances, activities and facilities. If people can't find it here they'll go elsewhere." -**Mrs. Betty Pierce, proprietor Three Sisters**



Thomas Walker

Restaurant

"The relationship between the town and the Academy is two-sided. As often as possible, Academy people should purchase things locally, but the merchants in town have to make it possible for the people at the Academy to want to shop in town.

It's more a matter of attitude than anything specific

back as well. The uncertainty of my physical condition transformed into terror by the end of the week. Relaxing in bed, I rolled slightly to the right to turn off my reading light. Suddenly my body was wracked with excruciating pain so strong I just writhed in agony and screamed as though being tortured. The pain was like nothing I'd ever felt and hoped I never experienced again.

Eventually (after what seemed like an eternity) I was able to relax and sleep came. Upon waking the next morning I found the pain returned. I got up with great difficulty and only with help. Walking was no longer automatic. With care I was mobile through the use of crutches. The enterprise of raising or lowering myself was something I preferred to avoid at all costs. The doctor began immediate treatment for muscle spasms, prescribing muscle relaxants, painkillers, and physical therapy, consisting of back strengthening exercises. Gradually my condition improved.

After a couple of weeks I returned to work and resumed limited activities. Of course running was not even a possibility. But I delighted in my return to work. After my first day back I felt a slight twinge of discomfort in my right hamstring. The second and third days brought an increased limp in my walk. The fourth day I walked hunched over, unable to straighten. The excruciating pain returned on the fifth day, that same pain that I prayed never to return. Again I could only walk with the aid of crutches. I found the effort of raising and lowering myself for any occasion excruciatingly painful. My physician referred me to a back

specialist, who proceeded to order a "cat-scan" of my back. This procedure discovered my herniated discs. My treatment toward recovery remained much the same as before. I took muscle relaxants and painkillers, while resuming physical therapy to strengthen my back. The basic, yet essential difference, for my recovery lay in specifically defining the problem and fine-tuning the therapy to accurately meet my physical needs. During my ordeal I did much soul searching. I renewed my prayer life. I began reading books that I had ignored for many years, including the Bible. I rekindled my spiritual journey. My thoughts and conversations sought to find the deeper meaning in my life and experience. I discussed many things with my pastor. I felt an excitement and vibrancy in drawing closer to God's Spirit. I renewed my church activity with enthusiasm. I affirmed my calling to ministry, which I had resisted for many years. I discovered new strength in faith. I praise God for my recovery, not just a physical one, but mental and spiritual as well. Many years passed before I braved running again. In fact my first 26.2 mile marathon was only 10 years ago. Now every stride I take is for God's glory. Every breath I make gives praise to God. My experience emphasized the importance of not neglecting any part of our being - physical, mental, and spiritual. We may be able to function well for a time, neglecting or ignoring one aspect of our life, but eventually the neglect will catch up with us. Whether we neglect the physical, mental, or spiritual, the result is basically the same. We are not using God's gracious gifts given to us. I've come to understand that the different aspects of our being mirror the different aspects of God - God as Creator, as Son, and as Spirit. To neglect one or more is to diminish the whole.

we could do. If downtown people recognize Academy people when they walk in the door and act like they are happy to have them in their place of business, they'll come back. The two communities are dependent on each other, but the town wouldn't amount to much without the Academy. The lake takes care of two months, but what would we do for the other 10 months?" -**William W. Taber, 1931 Academy grad, owner Culver News Agency**

"My grandfather worked for Mr. Culver; my dad was stationed here with the Army; and I was able to attend and be graduated from the Academy. Since World War II the relationship between the Academy and the town of Culver is much closer than it was prior to that time. The Academy staff and employees participate more in town functions and affairs, and the town has learned to understand the Academy. The town people take a greater interest in the Academy and its growth and affairs because of the activities open to the public and the competitive spirit between the two schools. The faculty is pretty well established in town activities and churches. Many things could not go on without the faculty." -**Thomas K. Walker, 1940 Academy grad, owner Jack's Taxi**

"The founder of the Academy, Henry Harrison Culver, married a native of our county, and this fact alone established a relationship between this community and Culver Military Academy which has continued to exist since Mr. Culver started the school. The Academy has at all times cooperated with this community and it is interesting to know that the town itself, many years ago, felt that Mr. Culver had done more than any other individual to establish this community on a sound basis and that in appreciation of what he had done, a petition was filed with the commissioners of Marshall County, Indiana, when Mr. Culver was alive, changing the name of our town from Marmont to Culver. The Academy has continued at all times to employ about all the surplus help this community has been able to furnish, which has cemented the town and the Academy together. This community went through the Depression with many of its people working at Culver, and they never lost a paycheck. This has been a great help to strengthen the belief of the people of this community that the Academy is a needed part of this town. W.O. Osborn

nothing seriously existing is straining the relationship between the Academy and the town of Culver, notwithstanding that in every community you will find a few people who are against everything; but, as a whole this community stands ready to endorse the leadership and continued interest that the Academy has taken in this community. The great majority of the people of this community realize how necessary it is for the Academy and this community to live and to work together and that the success of the Academy means the success of this community." -**William O. Osborn, president The State Exchange Bank**

Pastor's Corner

By Tom Haynes

Visiting Cavs fall to LaVille

By Dee Grenert Sports editor
LAKEVILLE — Glenn Halasz serves a number of functions for LaVille's baseball team.

Monday, he laced up his pitching shoes and tossed a gem to lead the Lancers to a 5-0 rain-abbreviated Northern State Conference win over visiting Culver Community.

The crafty junior southpaw allowed just a pair of hits in five shutout innings, fanned six and walked none in a game called because of inclement weather with two outs in the home half of the fifth. The win avenged a 1-0 loss to Culver the first time through the NSC's double round-robin schedule.

The Lancers gave Halasz all the offense he needed with two runs in the first, and three more in the second. LaVille chased Culver starter Tony Leyva after 1 1-3 innings, tagging the Cavs' ace for five runs — four earned — on seven hits.

Leyva, a right-handed curveball specialist, struggled with his command and paid a steep price. He consistently fell behind batters and left several curveballs up over the plate.

"Tony didn't have any success with his location at all," Culver Community head coach Mike Elliott said. "The curveball is normally this pitch, but he was leaving it high, it just was not breaking. If you hang a curveball, it's going to get hit hard, and LaVille had three or four extra-base hits."

Bauer provided the Cavs with a bright spot, tossing 3 1-3 scoreless innings in relief. He stranded both runners he inherited in the second, allowed just a single hit, struck out a pair of batters and walked four.

"We had our ace on the mound to start the game,"

Elliott said. "Then we bring in a freshman who's only logged 13 innings this year — and before that he'd never pitched in his life — and he did a nice job."

LaVille inflicted much of its damage with the top of the order. Dylan Heims and Cody Coblentz — the top two men in LaVille's batting order — reached base three times apiece. Heims scored twice and knocked in a run; Coblentz went 2-for-2, including a first-inning RBI single to plate the first run.

"That actually carried over from this weekend," Baker said of his team's hot start with the bats. "We've talked about getting on that first pitch, because a lot of times it's going to be the best one you're going to see. (Leyva) has a real nice curveball. We stayed on it and hit it. We have a little trouble with slower pitching. When Zoe came in, the change in speeds messed up our timing."

Heims reached on an error to lead off the first inning, stole second, advanced to third on a throwing error and scored on Coblentz's solid single to left.

Coblentz moved up 90 feet on a botched pick-off attempt, trotted to third on a wild pitch and scored when Halasz served a 3-2 hanging curveball into left field for a 2-0 LaVille lead.

Culver committed all three of its errors in the first inning.

"Give LaVille credit — they've done some nice things since the first time we saw them, and their pitcher pitched a good game," Elliott said. "We beat LaVille 1-0 earlier this year, and then we beat New Prairie, and thought we'd turned a corner. Now in the last three games, we're back to where we started. A lot of that has to do with the competition we're playing, but we're also making too

many mental mistakes.

"We've got to be ready mentally when we get off the bus," he continued. "We're going to keep plugging away. We don't have any seniors. We're going to stay positive, but still point out when they make mental mistakes."

In the second, Nick Ponto drew a leadoff walk, swiped one of the aggressive Lancers' four stolen bases and crossed home on Chase Heims' triple over the right fielder's head. Dylan Heims followed with an RBI single up the middle through a drawn-in Culver infield. Dylan Heims scored on Andrew McGee's double to center field that sent Culver reaching into its bullpen.

"For me, that's the way I like to play baseball," Baker said of his team's perpetual motion on the basepaths. "I like to be aggressive and make the other team make mistakes."

"I'm proud of everyone," he concluded. "The kids are starting to play real good ball."

Both teams hit the road Wednesday. LaVille heads to New Prairie, while Culver makes the trek to Jimtown.

LAVILLE 5, CULVER COMMUNITY 0
At Lakeville
Culver: 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 2 3
LaVille: 2 3 0 0 0 — 5 8 1
Tony Leyva (L), Zoe Bauer (2) and Alex Lazo; Glenn Halasz (W) and Ryan Kiefer.
2B: Kiefer (LV), Andrew McGee (LV).
3B: Chase Heims (LV).
Records: Culver 2-12 (2-5 NSC), LaVille 5-9 (2-7 NSC).

CHS' Allen shows strong at NSC

By Dee Grenert Sports editor

WALKERTON — Buoyed by junior speedster Abby Davis' four-win showing, LaVille raced to the NSC title at John Glenn High School.

The Lancers accumulated 140 points, a full 13 markers ahead of second-place New Prairie.

LaVille recorded double places in six events, which offset its weakness in the pole vault.

Davis easily won the 100 and 200, anchored LaVille's winning 4 x 100 relay team and added a surprise win in the long jump.

Davis finished just ahead of Culver Community senior Alicia Allen in all three individual wins. Abby Davis in the 100 meters at the Northern State Conference meet Wednesday. Allen finished second, and from Bremen's was an all-conference at-large selection. Libby Chang in the relay win.

According to both Galippo and Davis, the Lancers, who finished 11 points out of first place last year, entered the meet with something to prove. New Prairie beat LaVille by 27 points earlier this season.

Davis had plenty of company in the hero department. Emily Langford — who went 5-0 to win the high jump — Alysha Fisher and Emily Fuller all went ahead of Davis in the 4 x 100 relay. Hannah Christy threw 36-2 to win the shot put for LaVille.

The Lancers sewed up the win with strong performances in the 200 and 3200 meters. Fuller backed up Davis'

200 win with a fourth-place time, while a pair of freshmen — Elaine Schmeltz and Katy Bettcher — went third and seventh respectively in the 2-mile race.

Bremen finished in third



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT

LaVille's Alicia Allen, left, tries to catch LaVille's Abby Davis in the 100 meters at the Northern State Conference meet Wednesday. Allen finished second, and from Bremen's was an all-conference at-large selection.

place, just a half-point behind New Prairie. Tiffany Vogeler nipped Fisher at the line in both hurdles events for the Lions. Distance runner Hope Jordan collected Bremen victories in the 800 and 1600 meters.

Senior Stephanie Stichter led Triton with a first-place finish in the discus.

In addition to Allen's three runner-up marks, thrower Sarah Bailey finished second in the discus.

Amy Shirk topped John Glenn with the second-place time in the 800.

NORTHERN STATE CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS At Walkerton GIRLS

Team scores: LaVille 140, New Prairie 127, Bremen 126 1/2, Culver Community 75 1/2, Triton 51, John Glenn 45, Jimtown 43, Knox 10.
4 x 800 relay: 1, New Prairie (Sarah Thompson, Casey Monroe, Robyn VanHeste, Kristin Wagner) 10:16.48. 2, LaVille 10:23.02. 3, John Glenn 10:45.17. 4, Bremen 10:55.78. 5, Culver Community 11:19.73. 6, Jimtown 11:47.84. 7, Knox 11:53.73. 8, Triton 12:36.28.
100 hurdles: 1, Tiffany Vogeler (Bre) 16.56. 2, Alysha Fisher (LV) 16.83. 3, Kayley Layman (NP) 17.32. 4, Libby Chang (Bre) 17.50. 5, Rachel Bucher (Jim) 17.89. 6, Kathy Thayer (Jim) 17.93. 7, Candice Stoner (NP) 18.46. 8, MaryEllen Schmalzried (JG) 19.10.
100: 1, Abby Davis (LV) 13.19. 2, Alicia Allen (CC) 13.69. 3, Sam Studt (Bre) 13.79. 4, Whitney Sanders (CC) 13.93. 5, Julie Jeszensky (NP) 14.06. 6, Bethany Lemler (Tri) 14.16. 7, Sarah Feeney (JG) 14.36. 8, Betsey Brown (Bre) 14.86.

1600: 1, Hope Jordan (Bre) 5:17.92. 2, Emily Dean (Jim) 5:26.56. 3, Elaine Schmeltz (LV) 5:33.60. 4, Kristin Wagner (NP) 5:40.77. 5, Lauren Shaffer (CC) 5:45.21. 6, Kelsey Bettcher (LV) 5:45.91. 7, Sarah Thompson (NP) 5:46.04. 8, Kim Podell (JG) 5:56.55.
4 x 100 relay: 1, LaVille (Emily Langford, Alysha Fisher, Emily Fuller, Abby Davis) 52.88. 2, Bremen 53.34. 3, Culver Community 53.61. 4, New Prairie 55.34. 5, Triton 56.18. 6, Jimtown 56.38. 7, John Glenn 56.55. 8, Knox 57.72.

400: 1, Mary Gamble (NP) 1:01.33. 2, Amy Shirk (NP) 1:02.00. 3, Emily Langford (LV) 1:04.74. 4, Marci Gurtner (LV) 1:05.04. 5, Sarah DeShone (Jim) 1:05.24. 6, Trinity Garcia (CC) 1:05.67. 7, Alex Keller (Bre) 1:06.47. 8, Julie Jeszensky (NP) 1:06.70.
300 hurdles: 1, Tiffany Vogeler (Bre) 49.04. 2, Alysha Fisher (LV) 49.17. 3, Kayley Layman (NP) 50.84. 4, Kristin Lestinsky (NP) 52.21. 5, Libby Chang (Bre) 52.90. 6, Patrice McBee (CC) 53.41. 7, Maryellen Schmalzried (JG) 53.94. 8, Rachel Bucher (Jim) 54.31.
800: 1, Hope Jordan (Bre) 2:26.87. 2, Amy Shirk (JG) 2:28.87. 3, Kristin Wagner (NP) 2:29.31. 4, Marci Gurtner (LaVille) 2:33.08. 5, Sarah Thompson (NP) 2:33.11. 6, Anna Zeltwanger (Bre) 2:34.98. 7, Emily Dean (LV) 2:37.51. 8, Kelsey Bettcher (LV) 2:42.02.

200: 1, Abby Davis (LV) 2:37.39. 2, Alicia Allen (CC) 28.03. 3, Mary Gamble (NP) 28.36. 4, Emily Fuller (LV) 29.03. 5, Sam Studt (Bre) 29.26. 6, Julie Jeszensky (NP) 29.43. 7, Emily Johnston (Knox) 29.46. 8, Katie Goward (Jim) 30.23.
3200: 1, Emily Dean (Jim) 11:36.29. (MEET RECORD). 2, Hope Jordan (Bre) 11:40.83. 3, Elaine Schmeltz (LV) 11:51.04. 4, Casey Monroe (NP) 12:45.23. 5, Lauren Shaffer (CC) 12:57.54. 6, Robyn VanHeste (NP) 12:58.24. 7, Katyln Bettcher (LV) 13:02.11. 8, Stephanie Weldy (Bre) 13:15.79.

4 x 400 relay: 1, New Prairie (Sarah Thompson, Kristin Wagner, Grace Lusk, Mary Gamble) 4:19.49. 2, LaVille 4:21.83. 3, Bremen 4:25.16. 4, John Glenn 4:36.84. 5, Jimtown 4:40.05. 6, Culver Community 4:47.09. 7, Knox 4:47.75. 8, Triton 4:50.32.

High jump: 1, Emily Langford (LV) 5-0. 2, Mary Gamble (NP) 4-10. 3, Sam Studt (Bre) 4-10. 4, Brooke Blackford (Tri) 4-10. 5, Liz West (CC) 4-10. 6, Mercedes Gumm (NP) 4-10. 7, Tie between Susannah Baker (CC) and Lindsay Berger (Bre) 4-6.

Long Jump: 1, Abby Davis (LV) 15-2 1/2. 2, Alicia Allen (CC) 14-7 3/4. 3, Libby Chang (Bre) 14-6 1/2. 4, Bethany Lemler (Tri) 14-2 3/4. 5, Grace Lusk (NP) 14-1. 6, Tasha Johnson (JG) 13-11 1/4. 7, Emily Johnson (Knox) 13-10 3/4. 8, Lerin Studt (Bre) 13-8 1/2.

Shot put: 1, Hannah Christy (LV) 36-2. 2, Stephanie Stichter (Tri) 35-6. 3, Sarah Bailey (CC) 32-10. 4, Amber Farrer (Bre) 32-6. 5, Angela Lile (JG) 32-4. 6, Melissa Bromley (NP) 31-5. 7, Sarah Dudeck (LV) 30-1. 8, Courtney White (Knox) 28-11.

Discus: 1, Stephanie Stichter (Tri) 100-3. 2, Sarah Bailey (CC) 98-7. 3, Tamra Schmucker (Tri) 96-7. 4, Sarah Dudeck (LV) 94-11. 5, Amber Farrer (Bre) 96-1. 6, Angela Lile (JG) 86-3. 7, Hannah Christy (LV) 85-6. 8, Morgan Mrozinski (NP) 85-4.

Pole vault: 1, Kymra Keigley (NP) 8-0. 2, Bethany Lemler (Tri) 7-0. 3, Tie between Holly Prawat (Bre), Brittny Pittman (Bre), Morgan Mrozinski (NP) 7-0.

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Culver High School's Business Professionals of America held a dodgeball tourney April 26 as a fundraiser for the successful group's May trip to Reno, Nev., for the BPA national competition. Proceeds for the tourney and BPA bakesale that day netted nearly \$400, according to BPA sponsor and CHS teacher Mike Schwartz. Pictured, standing left to right are Michael Salary, Collin Stevens, Sarah Bailey, and Chris Bowen. Kneeling are Robert Molebash and George Van Sky.

Day is Scill student of the month

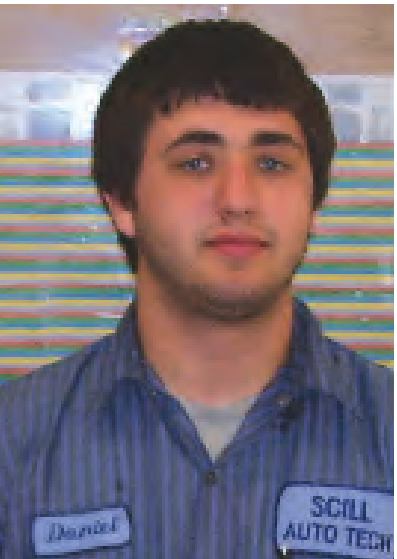


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Left: CHS student and Scill Center student of the month Daniel Day.

The SCILL Center in Knox has announced its Student-of-the-Month recipients for the month of March.

Daniel Day from Culver Community High School and Armando Huizar from Plymouth High School were the PM class recipients of the award. Lee Morris from John Glenn

High School and Shawn Tolson from Knox High School were the AM class recipients of the award.

The student of the month is chosen by the AutoTech instructors, Rodney Dawson and Mark Anderson, based on the student's test scores, class participation, attitude, attendance and initiative in the shop.

CHS competes in Academic Superbowl

By Tina Stacy

On April 15, the Culver Community Academic Superbowl team consisting of Sam Mersch, Stanley Budd, Matt Stewart, Myles Pinder, Brittany Collins, Shae Harris, CJ Dehning, Jerry Smith, Jacob Sheridan, and Gavin Norton competed in the district competition at North Judson. Each year, high school

teams compete statewide on the same evening.

Overnight, the ISAP (Indiana Association of School Principals) tally the scores and post the teams that have qualified for state competition.

Each school competing is made up of six teams: Math, Science, Fine Arts, English, Social Studies, and Interdisciplinary. The competition challenges each team to learn a specific era; this year's focus was the Civil War.

Culver Comm. Schools menu

Thur., May 15: Breakfast: Cheese Omelet or cereal, Breadsticks w/Cheese, corn, peaches, brownie, milk.

Fri., May 16: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or cereal with cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Walking Tacos or Dog Gone Chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese, green beans, fruit, milk.

Mon., May 19: Breakfast: Egg Patty w/Cheese on Bis-



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Matt Stewart, Brittany Collins, Mark Maes, and Angel Tobey took first place ribbons in English at the Academic Superbowl in North Judson last month.

Culver's team, which is coached by English teacher Tina Stacy, began studying the material in January. Each team ran practice rounds and quizzed each other for the intense competition. Although no Culver team advanced to state this year, the English and Social Studies teams placed in the area contest. Angel Tobey, Matt Stewart, Brittany Collins and Mark Maes took the first place

position in English after a three-way tie-breaker against North White and Kouts. However, the team placed 18th in the state. The Social Studies team made up of Matt Stewart, Myles Pinder, Jacob Sheridan, and Angel Tobey placed second in their competition.

Next year's team will begin to assemble in the fall of 2008 and study the topic of Norse Culture.

cuit or cereal with biscuit, juice, milk. Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, corn, peaches, cookie, milk.

Tues., May 20: Breakfast: Sausage Brk. Bagel or cereal with muffin, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, pineapple, bread & margarine, milk.

Weds., May 21: Breakfast: Pancake on Stick or cereal with donut, juice, milk. Lunch: Tenderloin Sand-

wich, tater tots, vegetables, cracker, milk.

Thur., May 22: Breakfast: Brk. Sausage Pizza or cereal with cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Cook's Choice Hot Lunch, potatoes, fruit, jello, milk.

Fri., May 23: Breakfast: Cook's Choice Hot Breakfast or cereal with cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Cook's Choice Chicken or Sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk.

Culver Academies Reunion weekend '08

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

An annual May tradition, Culver Academies' alumni reunion weekend kicks off today as alumni and their families arrive in Culver from all over the globe to renew old acquaintances and meet new faces at the school. Highlighted this year are grads from the classes of 1958 and 1983 – 50 and 25 years, respectively – though alumni from each five and 10 year class are invited and will enjoy the many festivities offered them. In fact, according to alumni director Alan Loehr, there will be some alumni on campus from as far back as the class of 1933. "We want to allow people

to reminisce and reflect in our rat race world," explains Loehr of the reunion weekend. "Secondly, they will reunite with friends and acquaintances. And third, we want them to meet, feel, see, and hear the face of Culver today. They'll have opportunities to see and meet students and faculty and get time with (Head of Schools) John Buxton. Those are the things that drive us."

Loehr notes that the generosity of Culver's alumni also make possible much of what the school does for its students and others. He expects the alumni to raise over \$3 million for their school over alumni weekend, and adds that the total raised annually

by alumni is over \$6 million. "These 15 classes give us half of what we raise in a year," he adds.

Reunion weekend means a great deal to the school, of course, but it also means a great deal to the town of Culver, whose restaurants, hospitality businesses, and merchants over all will have an opportunity to serve returning alumni. Loehr notes that Culver's Alumni weekend will bring an excess of 1,200 to the area.

Nor is the spectacle, pageantry, and just plain fun of Reunion weekend limited to alumni. Loehr notes that the public is invited to attend any and all of the on-campus events listed below.



Golden memories

Vignettes of faces and places that few will forget from the days of '58. Above: Mrs. Doll waits on eager cadets in the canteen. Right: math teacher extraordinaire Al Donnely; Below, left: legendary coach Russ Oliver with basketball team captain Walt Griffith. The unforgettable Col. C.A. Whitney, best known for his years in horsemanship and best remembered by countless stories. Bottom: the best line in which to wait was at the El Rancho movie theater on Lake Shore Dr., today known as the Uptown Cinema.

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Culver Academies 2008 Alumni Reunion Weekend - Highlights

Friday, May 16

Lest We Forget: Two Great Wars and the Years Between

Roberts Auditorium, Roberts Hall of Science
Academy Historian, Bob Hartman, presents highlights from his latest book. Revisit with him Culver's heroes as they defend our freedoms in World War I and II. 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Book signing by Robert B. D. Hartman, Historian and Archivist

Culver Bookstore, Lower Level, Lay Dining Center. 1 – 2 p.m.

Iron Gate Ceremony for the Class of 1958 and the Old Guard classes

(1933-1953) – Eppley Auditorium Lawn (Rain Site: Eppley Auditorium). 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Crew – The Academies Annual Spring Regatta

Best viewing is on the piers along the north shore. 7:20 a.m.

The Albert A. "Chip" Somerville '73 Memorial Run/Walk

Three mile run/walk course through campus is offered, as well as a 13.1 mile mini-marathon around Lake Maxinkuckee. 7 a.m.

"There and Back Again" Presenter: Richard Davies, Ph.D.

Huffington Library Presentation Room, 1st Floor
One of Culver's most popular instructors in the last forty years reflects on his time at Culver. Richard also will share passages from his book, *Swords at Culver*, and its sequel, *The Buddha Comes to Culver*. 10 a.m.

Culver and the Flicks: Gignilliat's Love Affair with Motion Pictures and Hollywood's Impact on Culver History

Roberts Auditorium, Roberts Hall of Science
Historian Bob Hartman presents a powerpoint on the place film has played in the history of the school. 2:30 p.m.

"Tom Brown of Culver"

Eileen Dicke Theatre, Lower Level, Eppley Auditorium
The 1932 classic is still required viewing for all new students at Culver. Join Andy Devine, Tyrone Power, Jr., Richard Cromwell, "Slim" Whitman, and the stars that brought Hollywood to Culver. Directed by William Wyler; produced by Universal Studios. 3:30 p.m.

Carillon Recital

Memorial Chapel Grounds
John Gouwens, Culver's award-winning Carillonneur and Organist Master. 4 p.m.

Garrison Parade – Parade Ground

Pass In Review by the Reunion classes. 5:45 p.m.

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Sunday, May 18

Military and Riding Exhibitions

Parade Ground (Note: In the event of wet ground, the exhibitions will be staged on upper parade ground north of Memorial Chape). Featuring the Culver Honor Guard, Four-Gun Drill, Lancer Band, Lancer Platoon, CGA Drill Team, and CGA Equestriennes. 12:15 p.m.

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The way they were

Highlights from the golden reunion class of 1958's first class year

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

1957-58 was an especially notable year in Culver Military Academy's history on a number of levels.

- 1957 saw Black Horse Troopers attending the school's first presidential

inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., since 1917, an inaugural tradition that has lasted almost without exception to today.

- The class of '58 saw the development of the Gignilliat Quadrangle: Gignilliat Hall and the Science and Humanities buildings. Culver

alumnus Eugene C. Eppley gave two of the buildings in the quad and pledged to build the Eppley Auditorium, which started construction during the class of 1958's first class – or senior – year at the school.

- The fall of 1957 saw the school's first coeds in attendance. At the time these were faculty members' daughters (Caroline Curry and Greta Hughes), but their presence would pave the way for the eventual formation of today's Culver Girls Academy over a decade later.

- Culver's mascot and team name officially became the Eagles that year by vote of the class. Previously Culver had been "The Flying Squadron." From then on, with few exceptions, the school's yearbook would be embossed with its familiar eagle logo on the cover.

- 1957-58 saw the end of the waiter system at the school and the debut of today's cafeteria-style dining system, in the school's dining hall (then the Mess Hall).

- CMA's swim team saw only one loss during the entire 1957-58 season.

- Col. James Bishop, a longtime Culver institution and Rhodes Scholar, marked 1958 as his final, retirement year at the school.

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New novel imagines postwar return to Culver

Schricker to perform at Antiquarian event

By Amanda Petrucelli
If you have an impact on one person's life in a positive way, your life has not been wasted. That's a good way to live your life according to Paul Barada, a 1962 graduate of the Culver Academies Naval Band.

"I think all of us have an obligation to make our lives



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Culver Academy grad Paul Barada

matter. Nobody has the right, in my personal opinion, to coast through life and contribute nothing," Barada said from his Rushville, Ind., office, where he runs Barada Associates Inc., a national reference-checking company he founded in 1979.

"Part of that sense of obligation came to be because I went to Culver," he said. "For me, that's where I learned that lesson."

Barada's nationwide company gives prospective employers an assessment of

telephone conversations with references.

As a result of this unique service, Barada has been quoted on the subject of reference checking in U.S. News & World Report, The Wall Street Journal, and Consumer Reports, among others.

Barada came up with the idea for his company when he was director of the Rush County Chamber of Commerce after providing a similar service for an industry his town was wooing.

His resume is entrenched in community service — holding posts on the local school board, community foundation, and serving as an administrative assistant to former Lt. Gov. Richard E. Folz. In 1996 he was appointed to the Council of the Sagamores of the Wabash, the highest honor bestowed by Indiana's governor.

Barada and his wife, Connie, graduated from Indiana University and have three sons. He also attended the Indiana and University of Dayton law schools.

He served as president of the Culver Summer School Alumni Association from July 1989 to July 1991, also serving on The Culver Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. In 1991 he received Culver's Alumni Leadership Award.

Barada has written several articles and books on refer-

ence checking, but now has delved into fiction — a result of his unusual upbringing.

Barada was orphaned as an infant and raised by two aunts. His father, Paul Maxwell Barada, was an instructor in the Music Department at CMA in the 1930s and '40s and died while coaching a company football game in 1945. Barada's mother, Margaret, died about 18 months later "of a broken heart."

With no memories of them, Barada explores his imagined relationship with his parents and theirs with each other in "Lullaby Lost." In the novel, he visits Culver Military Academy at the end of World War II through hypnosis, meeting his parents in their own time. Written in first person with co-author J. Michael McLaughlin, the story is largely autobiographical. For example, the main character, Paul Bradshaw, receives a box of his mother's mementos in midlife — an event which really happened to Barada.

"Lullaby Lost," published on-demand by Author House and available at Amazon.com, will delight Culver alumni with references to campus landmarks, such as the Sally Port and the Naval Building.

This article originally appeared in the Winter/Spring, 2008 issue of Culver Alumni Magazine.

Storyteller and musician George Schricker will kick off the summer season of programs of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver when he performs at

the AHS' Center for Culver History May 24 at 10 a.m. Schricker will perform songs and stories of area history and lore.

Schricker, whose grandfather was Indiana governor Henry Schricker, has been writing and performing songs and stories -- many centered around Indiana, Marshall County, and the area -- for over 20 years, and has performed across the Midwest and United States, releasing numer-



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George Schricker

"Kelly" from page 1

pets. "One day a few years later," recalls Hyland, "she emailed me a picture of some baby cockatiels...I wanted one so badly, and she said I could have one and let me pick out the one I wanted. I picked Dusty and she gave him to me...He is exceptional in his talking and whistling. He has a large vocabulary."

Dusty's disappearance nearly two weeks ago left Hyland heartbroken, but Kelly has helped her a great deal. "I have already started talking and whistling to Kelly. I know he will grow up to be as beautiful as Dusty and give me as much happiness," she says.

Hyland expressed grateful-

ous albums and writings.

The meeting will take place in the Center, located on the ground floor of the Culver Public Library in downtown Culver. The Center, having recently remodeled the historic Carnegie room of the library, is in the ongoing process of developing a museum in the space.

Other upcoming AHS events include a June program on Culver's cinema history at the Uptown Cinema in Culver, and a Labor Day weekend ice cream social, among others. The program is free and open to the public. For more information on the Antiquarian Society, visit www.culverhistory.com.

ness to Brumley, to the Culver Citizen for last week's article, "and to all of my prayer partners for their prayers, the Culver Fire Department (who tried to rescue Dusty after his initial escape) for their help... they have truly helped me through this heart-ache."

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Right: Sen. Barack Obama spoke to a small crowd at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds Thursday. Culver Academy students Trent Shafer and Rebecca Lucas, with teacher Ryan Martin, were invited to the conference and were fortunate enough to get a photograph with the presidential hopeful.



Academies students meet and greet Obama

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

CULVER — A point and click led to a meet and greet for Ryan Martin, a teacher of humanities at Culver Academy.

A trip to Presidential candi-

date Barack Obama's website and a click on the volunteer button brought a call from the candidate's office.

"They wanted me to speak for Obama at the school but most of our kids can't vote in Indiana, so I told them that I could probably organize a group to canvas or make phone calls," said Martin. "She was kind of skeptical I think at first, but 40 kids volunteered to go out and work for Obama before the primary."

The work didn't go unnoticed by the Presidential hopeful as Martin and two of his students were invited to hear the candidate speak at an invitation only engagement in South Bend.

"Trent Schafer and Becca Lucas were the two that got to go," said Martin. "I made the stipulation that nobody could miss class for it when I sent the email out. I think Trent responded in about 10 seconds. They were the first two and that's how I chose them. You would have thought they were meeting a rock star or something."

"I think they appreciated the job we did it was nice to be invited," said Martin, adding with a laugh. "He was speaking on his rural budget policy and environmental policy for large farms so I think the kids eyes might of glassed over a couple of times."

The three then had a chance afterwards to meet Obama himself.

"He really has a real feel about him," said Martin. "He just comes across as the kind of guy you could just sit and watch the game with. He really puts you at ease."

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