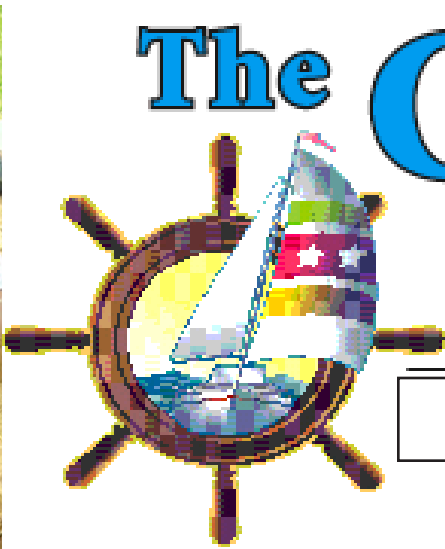


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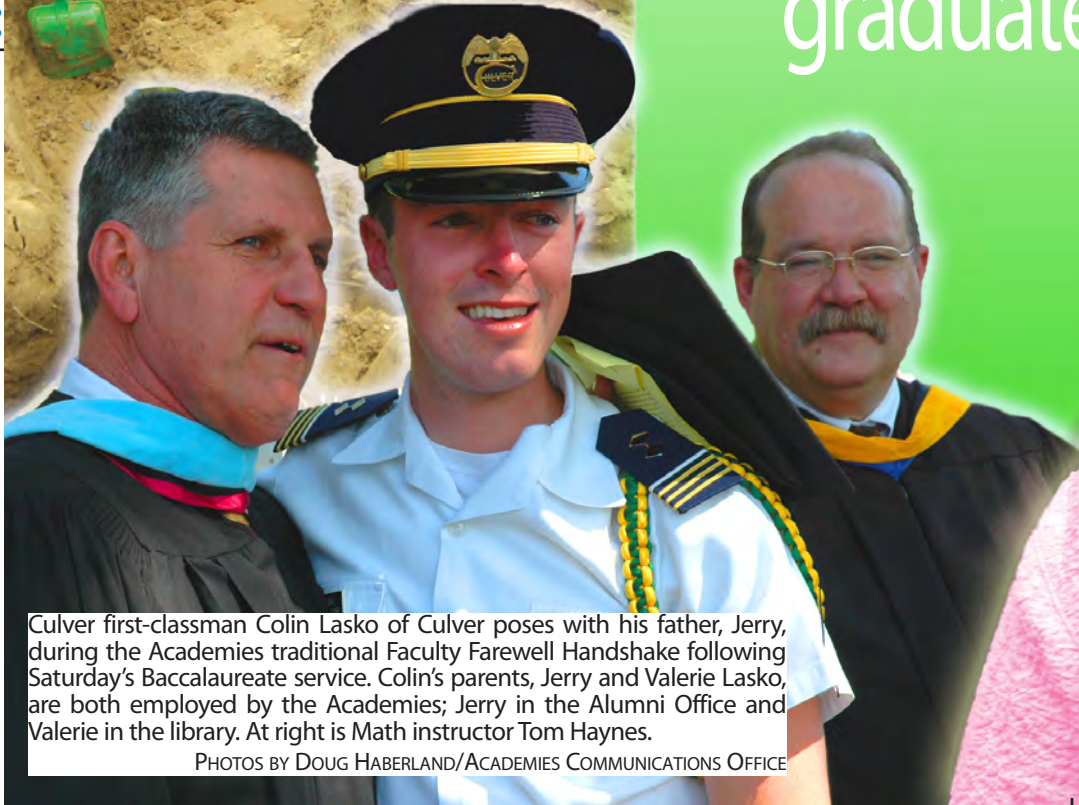
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Congratulations graduates!



Culver first-classman Colin Lasko of Culver poses with his father, Jerry, during the Academies traditional Faculty Farewell Handshake following Saturday's Baccalaureate service. Colin's parents, Jerry and Valerie Lasko, are both employed by the Academies; Jerry in the Alumni Office and Valerie in the library. At right is Math instructor Tom Haynes.

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In Brief

Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of June 9-13. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

Lake landscaping workshop

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will hold a workshop on friendly lake shore landscaping "dos and don'ts" Weds., June 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Culver Public Library. Featured will be Angela Sturdevant and Gwen White of Indiana's DNR, Chris Kline and Sara Peel of JFNW. A L L E N Chesser (LMEC) with Tony Sellers (Sellers & Sellers Co.) will discuss a new glacial stone project being coordinated by the LMEC. Also on hand will be Liz Pellosso of IDEM and Jeremy Price of the DNR.

Market Basket offers summer classes

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S.R. 17 Culver, is offering several summer classes. Children's Classes: All children's classes are Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 12: Windowsill Gardening (creating small container gardens). July 10: Tie-Dye (each child will tie-dye two items, including a pillowcase and a shirt; please provide shirt size). August 8: Paper Craft (design cards, book-marks, and a journal). Other Classes: June 4: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tie-Dye class. Due to popular demand, we are doing an evening tie-dye class. All other adult classes are Weds. from 1-3 p.m. June 18: Glass Painting (all items will be baked to cure the paint, so will need to be picked up at a later date). July 16: Bead and wire art (decorate serving utensils, stemmed ware and other items). All classes have a requirement of five students and a maximum of 10-12; every class

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Top photo:

James Fagen, left, and R.T. Roberts create an elaborate moat and sand castle complex at Culver Elementary School's annual end-of-the-year sand castle excursion to the town park for second graders. Teachers assisted in bringing water and provided the necessary tools for the afternoon outing May 27.

Culver servicemen honored at Memorial Day ceremony



PHOTO/BOBBIE RUHNOW

Culvers VFW Post 6919 Color Guard and firing squad at Memorial Day services May 26 at Culver's Masonic cemetery.

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow Culver - "We stand here today at the Veterans Memorial to honor all departed comrades." Jed Rouch, Commander, Finney Shilling VFW Post 6919, told those gathered for the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Culver Masonic Cemetery. "This Memorial is the symbol of all those brave men and women who have served in our countries' armed forces."

"We are fortunate today, to have with us a true American

hero to give our Memorial Day address." Rouch continued as he introduced Ralph "Rick" Huff as the main speaker. "Huff served as an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam from April 1968 to July, 1969. His decorations include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Star, 30 Air Medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star." Rouch concluded.

In his speech, Huff said "This is the time to remember

and honor those who never saw their children or grandchildren. Who never attained their hopes and careers. All races, ethnic groups, seasoned veterans and green troops carried our burdens. They gave all they could for us. Remember, also, the disabled veteran in your prayers. Love your country and be proud of her."

At the conclusion of Huff's speech, the ceremoni-

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Changes to playground project outlined to council

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Culver's May 27 town council meeting was highlighted by a visit from Culver town park director Kelly Young, who unveiled full-color artwork and photographs of the park's proposed revised playground, to be built Sept. 27 and 28 with volunteer assistance from the community.

Young noted that a different company, Nutoys Leisure Products, has been engaged to replace the original playground design firm of Leathers and Associates, though the playground components

— including a ship and a train — already paid for by various community organizations will be a part of the new design. She cited mounting "hidden costs" associated with the original firm as the basis for the change, and explained that the total cost of the new project will be around \$84,000, less by at least \$20,000 than the first design. The current balance for the project, raised over the past two years, is around \$47,000, she said, adding that an additional \$20,000 raised was already paid to Leathers.

Young said there are cur-

rently four levels of donation available for the project, including \$25 fence pickets (which allow for a short inscription of the donor's choice), the Gold Locomotive level of \$2,500 or more, a Silver Locomotive level of \$1,000 to \$2,499, and a Bronze Locomotive level of \$100 to \$999. She said the names of the levels are in keeping with the Vandavia Village (railroad-related) name of the playground.

The project is still receiving donations, said Young, and the artwork showing the lodge for all to see. In

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Above: Hilary Sopata

A design for success

Culver native makes mark on Chicago, beyond

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

As a student at Culver High School, Hilary Sopata — then MacDonald — enjoyed math and science studies. It hadn't occurred to the 1991 CHS grad that a career involving art and design might be in her future. "I remember taking an art class in high school," says Sopata, "and I found it very relaxing."

She wanted a career that would allow her to use both her artistic interests and her mathematical and scientific leanings. "I remember talking to (CHS art teacher Marybeth Harness) one day and discussing what you can do with an art degree without being a starving artist. What's the practical application of art, where people can use it every day? I realized this is what I want to do."

After graduating from Valparaiso University in 1995 with a double major in interior design and art, Sopata soon had to face the fact that few Indiana communities were conducive to a strong interior design career. So she set her sights on Chicago. "It was really scary being someone from a small town moving to the big city," recalls Sopata. "In the end, I ended up doing ok."

In Chicago, she says, she didn't know anyone, "so by default I worked six days a week. I worked hard and tried to increase my mark in the world...it takes a long time to root yourself in a new community and be an expert in a particular field. There was a lot of hard work, a lot of late nights, a lot of struggles along the way. But the harder you work in the early stages of life, the easier it becomes as you get older. If you think about when you go to school, what you learn the next year depends on what you learned the year before. For example, I use geometry in interior design. How do I figure how much fabric goes into a round pillow? You never know when you're going to need those skills!"

Sopata says her natural leanings towards math and science help her go beyond

the aesthetic into the highly functional and practical, something that sets apart her offerings for clients. "I'm very different from other interior designers I've met," she notes. "It's a need that needs to be filled. My clients are accountants and other people that want to know the how and why of interior design."

Those clients have included Fortune 100 and 500 companies, large corporate office in 32 states (most of this work is done electronically). Individual clients range from condo owners, she says, up to multi million dollar homes. This October, Sopata will take over as president of her chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, a chapter which encompasses Illinois, northwest Indiana (including the Culver-Plymouth area), and several neighboring states, the third largest chapter of the Society in America. Sopata is now the owner and president of Interior Visions Designs, Inc., and has been quoted on NBC stations and publications around the country on the topic of interior design, and has been mentioned three times so far this year in the Chicago Tribune.

One great passion of Sopata's is "green" design. She notes that over 30 percent of waste in landfills today comes from the construction industry, of which she is a part. She notes that green design is impactful on health, noting that many components in the interiors of homes contain Volatile Organic Compounds, or VOCs. "Think of the smell of a permanent marker, or the smell of paint. Sure, they go away in couple of days but in reality they hang out. Laminated and carpeting have tiny off gasses that add together to create toxic cocktails. Americans spend 90 percent of our time indoors. But the air indoors is ten times more polluted than the outside, according to experts."

There are "green" forms of carpeting, says Sopata, and a current trend in carpeting

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al wreath laying took place. Rouch, VFW Auxiliary President, Margaret Dehne, and Men's Auxiliary President, Glen Whitmarsh participated.

Rouch introduced the newest member of Finney Shilling VFW Post 6919, Captain John Neidlinger, 38th Aviation Brigade, who presented the Post with an American

flag that had flown over Iraq and Kuwait. The flag will be placed in a special case and mounted in the post home.

Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms, Roger Wise, instructed the firing squad to give the final salute to honor all departed comrades and the ceremony concluded with Taps played over the quiet cemetery by Jim Jones.

A flag retirement ceremony was then held conducted by Brian Linhart, VFW Vice-Commander. After a brief prayer, Boy Scout Troop 390, Cub Scout Pack 390, the Culver Union Township Fire Department and EMS joined in the ritual. With proper procedures, American flags that are torn and no longer in good condition are burned.

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must be prepaid at least three days in advance (fee will be refunded if minimum not met). All classes are \$15 per person and include all supplies. 574-842.2145 for more information.

Community meal at Grace June 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Sunday, 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.

Sidewalk assistance deadline is July 1

The deadline to apply for assistance for the town of Culver's 2008 Sidewalk and Curb program is July 1. The cutoff date to have projects completed is Oct. 1 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. Phone 574-842-3140.

Boys & Girls Club summer activities

The Boys & Girls Club of Culver will be open for summer hours from June 2 through August 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch provided at noon. Participation in summer activities at CBGC is free with Club membership.

This summer, Kidstop day-care will also be open from

6:30 a.m. to 6:30pm. The cost for Kidstop is \$12 per day or \$60 per week. Scholarships are available. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack is provided, with payment due Weds. prior to service.

Breakfast and lunch are provided by the USDA. Lunch is provided to anyone between the ages of 5 and 18 from 12 to 1 p.m. at Culver Elementary School for no charge.

Summer activities will include field trips, swimming at the beach every Tuesday and Friday, nature hikes, and lots of fun. Those interested may call 574-250-0103 for more information.

Culver summer road closings

West Shore Drive in Culver is closed beginning at the intersection of West Shore and Long Point and ending about 500 feet south. The closing is for installation of a new water and sewer main.

Local and emergency access will be maintained throughout the project. The closure is expected to be completed around June 6.

State Road 110 (S.R. 110) will be closed at Eddy Creek along the Fulton/Marshall County line 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.

Winter art of Maxinkuckee on display

“When Summer Sleeps: Winter Scenes of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee,” a showing of Culver-based artwork, will take place June 7 through July 31 at the Culver Coffee Company. The art exhibit features Viki Anderson, Mark Burkett, Beth Forst, Jeanne McLeish and Dana Weber. The artists painted from January through March, 2008. The exhibit can be previewed online at <http://web.mac.com/vikianderson>. The Culver Coffee Company is located at 634 Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and Fridays and Saturdays 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Pathfinder bake, garage sale

Pathfinder Services, Inc. will hold its annual bake and garage sale June 20 and 21 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (CST), and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (EST) at 356 Mound St. in Knox. Proceeds will go to Pathfinders' Client Fund.

Citizen cell phone

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Boys & Girls Club: awaiting the big event

Jessie Liles, left, Culver Boys & Girls Club director, joined CBGC board president Alan Loehr May 29 in accepting a check for \$3,000 towards the club's \$150,000 annual operating budget from Culver Kiwanis president Dick Swenumson at the club's weekly meeting. Loehr and Liles described a club that has leaped from 100 to 220 members and radically expanded its services and programs

including tutoring, homework help, arts and crafts, games, a newspaper club, and more. The club will also offer a summer program this year that will include beach days, field trips out of Culver, and an end of season trip to a water park.

The CBGC will hold its annual auction June 14 at the multi-purpose building on the Culver Academies campus, at which it hopes to raise over \$40,000. Tickets are available at area businesses.

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involves “up cycling” used carpet fibers to make new, preventing carpeting from winding up in landfills. There are also fabrics, she notes, made out of corn and other organic materials, VOC-free paints that perform well, and non toxic dyes.

“I believe it’s my responsibility, with the knowledge I have about the health and environmental aspects of interior design, to offer these options to client even if they don’t ask us.”

On June 10, Sopata will speak at the NeoCon World Trade’s Fair, the country’s largest conference and exhibition of contract furnishings for the design and management of the built environment, which will draw people from around the world. “I’m going to talk about green design basics, ‘designing green in a brown world,’” she says.

Throughout all this success as an up and coming interior designer, says Sopata, “I just think that there’s no place like home. I visit Culver on a regular basis, I hang out at the coffee shop, I go out to the Edgewater, have family parties at the beach. There’s just no place like home.”

And Chris, Sopata’s husband since 2005 and a biochemist for Abbott Laboratories, has come to appreciate the pace of Culver, even if

it’s a bit of culture shock for the Chicago native.

“Growing up in Culver definitely influenced the person I am today,” Sopata explains. “I’m very friendly compared to big city standards. I smile and say ‘hello’ to people on the train. My husband says I shouldn’t! And I still believe in helping those who need your help, and looking out for your neighbor.”

Sopata also has an interesting perspective on small town life as a tool for appreciating diversity. “I think that growing up in a small town, I’m more accepting of others. In a small town, people like you are few and far between, so you make friends with people not like you. In big city, you make friends with people exactly like you. Oddly enough, growing up in Culver gave me more acceptance and diversity than if I’d grown up in Chicago. People think it’s the other way around, but I have a different perspective.”

“I think that just because you grow in a small town doesn’t mean you’re limited as to what you can do in your life,” adds Sopata. “The only limitations to who you are and what you become are limitations you put on yourself.”

Letter to the editor

Thankful for heart help

Too many lives are cut short by heart disease and stroke, the number one and number four killer of Hoosiers. Since my stroke nine years ago, I have felt compelled to help fight these diseases.

On April 29-30, my husband, Steve, and I went to Washington, D.C., for the American Heart Association’s You’re the Cure on the Hill to ask our lawmakers to provide Indiana with a chance to improve and save Hoosier lives. During our visit, we met with Representative Donnelly and other Indiana lawmakers.

A sincere thank you is given to Representative Joe Donnelly for signing the Dear Colleague letters to increase funding for The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the two main agencies charged with preventing death and disability from cardiovascular disease. Currently Indiana receives \$0 from CDC for heart disease and stroke prevention programs even though Hoosiers have a higher than average risk.

During the last 30 years, death rates from CVD have dropped by 63% and from stroke by 70%, in large part as a result of NIH-funded research. Research works! Thank you, Representative Donnelly, for joining the fight to reduce heart disease and stroke.

Connie Richie, Culver

Wallet thanks

Thanks to Tammy and Officer Ulch for retrieving and returning my wallet last Sunday. The only thing missing was my dignity in being dumb enough to put my wallet on top of the car while unlocking it. The wallet made it all the way to the Masonic Cemetery from CVS before it fell off and was kindly and honestly found and returned to the Culver Police Department.

My deepest appreciation.

Bobbie Ruhnow, Culver

Birth - White



Joshua J. White and Melissa Humes of LaPaz announce the birth of a daughter born April 13, 2008 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Kayla Nicole White weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a sister, Kendra Sue.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Martha Guerra of Argos. Paternal grandparents are Andy White of LaPaz and Mona White of Plymouth.

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Police blotter

Linda M. Adkins, 54, of Monterey was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Thomas J. Zabkowicz, 23, of Greendale, WI was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Kevin C. Schuldt, 19, of Culver, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Tyler A. Weldon, 22, of Culver, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Michael P. Carr, 39, of Cincinnati, OH, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

James P. Downey, 19, of Oak Forest, IL, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Thad A. Bigley, 21, of Culver, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Aardon D. Ashley, 29, of Plymouth, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Rhys N. Anderson, 27, of Hillsboro, OR, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Lauren K. Odom, 22, of Brentwood, TN, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Nicholas D. Vastano, 23, of Brentwood, TN, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Bradley J. Pick, 31, of New Albany, IN, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Joseph B. Watwood, 26, of Plymouth, was issued a citation May 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Adam R. Downey, 23, of Plymouth was issued a citation May 18 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 35 mph in a 20 mph zone.

Richard C. Obrien, 41, of Bradenton, FL, was issued a citation May 18 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 35 mph in a 20 mph zone.

Matthew T. Thompson, 18, of Munster, IN, was issued a citation May 19 for a seatbelt violation.

Christopher Topor, 20, of Munster, IN, was issued a citation May 19 for a seatbelt violation.

Evan B. Compton, 20, of Munster, IN, was issued a citation May 19 for a seatbelt violation.

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., June 5: Ham & Beans, cole slaw, corn bread & margarine, grena, diced onion, apricots, milk.

Fri., June 6: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, tossed salad & dressing, garlic bread, Italian beans, pineapple, milk.

Mon., June 9: BBQ chicken breast, cauliflower, corn,

bread & margarine, raisons, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tues., June 10: Hot dog, mashed potatoes, cabbages, buns, mandarin oranges, milk.

Weds., June 11: Pork chop-pette, bun, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, peach cobbler, milk.

Thurs., June 12: Chopped steak w/ gravy, Key West vegetables, lima beans, apple juice, dessert, milk.

Fri., June 13: Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, biscuit and country gravy, hash brown, orange juice, fruit cup, milk.

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 5

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kelly Young, Culver Park director, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knights of Columbus social mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake rectory basement

Saturday, June 7

“When Summer Sleeps” Lake Maxinkuckee art show begins, all day, Culver Coffee Co.

Monday, June 9

Culver fire hydrant flushing begins (all week)
Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Redevelopment Committee mtg., 4 pm, town hall
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

Tuesday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 11

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Lions Club mtg, 6:30 p.m., depot/train station

Thursday, June 12

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Tyler automobile (GEM cars), Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake rectory basement
Culver Parks & Recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall

Upcoming Highlights, June, 2008:

LMEC lakeshore landscaping workshop, June 18
Culver Boys & Girls Club annual auction, June 14
Culver Academies Summer Camps begin - June 21
First Woodcraft Camp Council fire dance, June 28

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The good side of gas costs?

If there's one thing I intend to avoid in any editorial content I write in these pages, it's delving into partisan politics. This is partly, I admit, because I find that there are core issues in both parties with which I resonate, and I've found that voting in recent presidential elections feels a lot like having to choose the lesser of two evils, which of course still leaves one with an evil.

All of this is to say that it's not a political motive that leads me to suggest that recent, unsettling -- or downright horrifying -- spikes in gas prices actually could have a good side to them.

Devout environmentalists amongst us will point to the need to wean ourselves off of fossil fuels (our former town manager Jon Guinin gave a great talk on the potential energy crisis our whole world is facing, a few months ago here in Culver -- I certainly felt more enlightened, even if a wee bit terrified). I'd go further and say that what often is left out of the conversation about the environment and our culture's damage to it is the deeper cause of the whole problem: our tendency to be a terribly, unabash-

edly consumptive society. We produce and consume at dizzying rates, and I'd suggest all of this is a symptom of a disease of the soul as surely as our huge landfills are symptoms of ecological

our era, in which most of us would have thought nothing a year or two ago of hopping in the car and driving to Plymouth to rent a movie, people shopped and worked, often as not, locally.

I'm not simply being a narrow provincialist here. Besides the need for our local merchants today to have shoppers, there's also another side to this. Not only was it once far more common for neighbors, merchants, and customers to know one another and conserve, it was also common for a thousand people to show up to watch the Naval School band sail by in the Moonlight Serenade.

That doesn't happen any more. A lot of that, for sure, is the home entertainment industry (why listen to a concert in the park, or socialize with those around you, when you can watch a DVD at home on your laptop?). But some of it is the result of a restless, over-entertained culture that is too busy and too mobile to interact on a human level, to foster authentic community. I'm guilty of this as well, and

don't get me wrong: I don't advocate a sort of pseudo-Amish lifestyle here.

And before I get angry letters, I also know that Culver needs the influx of folks here in the summer, whether visitors or part-time residents, just as we need and want a good, steady flow of students to the Culver Academies. I'm also very sympathetic to those with long, expensive commutes, believe me (don't throw things at me when I say that I usually walk or bike to work -- I know I'm blessed!).

All I'm suggesting is that staying around Culver on the weekends, because of gas prices, might have the potential to be a good thing. I don't know where the balance lies, and I'm not so simple as to think the 'good old days' were good and perfect across the board.

But maybe we'll see a bit more of each other this summer because it's too darn expensive to (as my dad used to say of me as a teenager) "run, rip, and tear" everywhere.

And for the most part, that's a good thing, right?



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

problems.

But in conversations about gas prices in recent months, I've noticed that I'm often thinking of Culver's history. Those readers who remember Culver circa 1950 (and I don't!) will remember a town with -- what? -- five grocery stores? Five or so gas stations...department stores, clothing stores, dime stores...the list goes on. You'll remember a Culver with a regular train that came through town on which one could ride to South Bend, Plymouth, and beyond (in later years known as the Doodlebug). Why all of this commerce? Because, unlike

School is out - it's vacation time!

Most of the schools are out for the summer, even though some had to go longer because of snow days and cold weather.

It is now summer and a time for vacations and relaxation. It is a time when we can spend more time with our family and children.

God Himself believed we should take time for rest and relaxation. He made all creation and then on the seventh day he rested from all his



Pastor's Corner

By Ron Lewellen
Emmanuel United
Methodist church

work. He also made a commandment that we should remember the Sabbath.

So even though we take a vacation, we should not leave God out of our vacation. A little girl was praying just before her family was leaving for vacation and this is what she said: "Well God, we are going on vacation for two weeks, so I'll talk to you again when we

get back."

Is this what we do when we go on vacation? All of us need vacations to help us relax, but remember God created all the beauty that we are going to see. He created us to control all of his creation, and he also created "TIME." This year, when we're relaxing and having fun, let's remember God who gave us time to relax and have fun.

Nostalgia

75 years ago
June 7, 1933

Culver's prompt capture of the bank bandits has received applause from all over the United States and Canada. An excerpt from a Chicago Daily News article that's typical of comments received: "Long renowned because of its military academy, the little town now has acquired new fame by putting to use most effective the principles of preparedness and discipline taught in its famous school. The capture of bandits alive within hours

of the bank robbery...is a record of which any community would have reason to be proud."

Five rifles belonging to the US government are still missing after use in the capture of the bandits last week. Anyone having these rifles should return them at once to Culver Military Academy.

The state of Indiana has gone "wet," voting to repeal prohibition by two to one. Union Township, however, voted to go "dry" by a margin of only six votes. The vote in Union Twp. precincts

included: North Culver: 98 votes wet, 35 dry; South Culver: 132 wet, 154 dry; Maxinkuckee village: 52 wet, 54 dry; center Culver: 66 wet, 101 dry.

The very finest soap by Colgate is on sale at Culver City Drugs on Main Street for six cents a cake, 65 center per dozen.

25 years ago
June 8, 1983

The Culver Cavaliers baseball team defeated Rochester, Knox, and Tippecanoe Valley to win the Sectional Tournament hosted by Culver. The Cavs have won the sectional crown five of the past seven seasons. After defeating

Rochester 5-3 in the opening round of action, the Cavs defeated Knox 4-2 in semi-final action. Mike Elliott was the winning pitcher, striking out seven, walking two, and giving up five hits.

Culver's newest business enterprise, the Dairy Queen located at State Roads 10 and 17 north of Culver, is scheduled to open for business Monday. Robert and Darlene Lea have been busy with last minute preparations: stocking supplies, hiring workers, and other items to ensure the smooth opening of the restaurant. The Leas have Dairy Queen operations in Walkerton and Elkhart in addition to the Culver facility.

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Sports

Alexandra the great CGA's Banfich makes history

By James Costello
Sports Writer

BLOOMINGTON — It's official: Culver Girls Academy's Alex Banfich is the greatest distance runner in Indiana high school history.

Or at least she owns the most distance hardware. Banfich broke tape in both the mile and 2-mile races at Friday's Indiana High School Athletic Association girls state track meet in Bloomington.

In the process she overtook Kankakee Valley's Celeste Susnis' seven track and cross country state championships with eight total titles throughout her own high school career.

"It's such an honor, especially to know that Indiana is a no-class state — everyone runs everyone," Banfich said. "It's definitely a huge honor to have accomplished that in such a competitive state."

Banfich started her outing by shaving roughly 4 seconds off her seed time in the 1600 meter run, logging a 4:55.12 for her second consecutive mile state championship.

She was on pace to break Katie Harrington's record, set in 2003, in the event at 3:40 with just one lap to go, but fell off somewhat in the final 400 meters to miss the record by just fewer than 6 seconds.

"My last lap was really slow," Banfich said. "I was going for (the record), but I just didn't have the greatest mile race. It's all right, you know, I'll do better next time. That's what running

is all about. There's always next time to better yourself."

Later in the 3200 race, the CGA phenom got off to a slow start — by Banfich standards at least — in the first two laps, but began hitting her splits consistently in the third lap, taking a decisive lead in the process.

Banfich finished the race in a blazing 10:46.55 for a three-peat state championship in the event.

"I was feeling a little hot there; I just didn't hit my split," Banfich said. "I definitely didn't go as fast as I wanted to, but it was still a decent race...Yes, I was a little disappointed, but it's great to do well with this kind of competition out here. So I don't want to completely say I had a bad race. It wasn't quite as fast as I wanted, but everyone did great. I'm happy with the win, I guess."

Bremen freshman Hope Jordan competed with Banfich in the mile. Jordan finished 24th overall with a 5:30 time, while Plymouth senior Morgan Hite ran her last 2-mile race for the Lady Pilgrims.

With the 2-mile field divided into two sections, and Hite's section positioned ahead of the other on the outside lanes of the track, Hite took off a little fast — she was in seventh place after the first lap. Hite ran out of steam in the second mile to place 16th with a time of 11:26.41.

"I started off way too fast," Hite said. "Being up more — how they had me on that

slant — it kind of freaked me out and I thought I had to go real fast."

Also Friday, CGA's Lauren Johnson and Plymouth's Holly Nifong both competed in their first state 300 meter hurdle races.

Johnson won the event at the Bremen Regional to earn herself a berth. She still finished .4 seconds faster than her regional time for a 47.36 and 16th place result.

"It's unbelievable," Johnson said. "I didn't think I could make it here. I didn't expect to be here, but I'm really excited about my time and that my family could come watch me."

Meanwhile, Nifong had an even more impressive outing, cutting a full 1.25 seconds off her seed time to place third in her heat and 13th overall with a 47.15. Nifong, who was seeded last heading into the race, said she benefited from being able to concentrate exclusively on the 300 Friday, a luxury she never had before as she had always previously run in the 100 hurdles and the 4 x 100 relay prior to the state meet.

"I think my previous best was like a 47.7, but I might be wrong," Nifong said. "I had fresh legs. I've never run a track meet only running the 300...it was nice having fresh legs. It felt a lot different."

"It feels really good," Nifong added. "Right now I'm missing my graduation, but I don't want to gripe about it at all because this was really awesome. I've never been to state in anything, so it was

just a lot of fun to get here to begin with and then I just wanted to do what I could."

CMA, CHS place in boys' track regional

By James Costello
Sports Writer

KOKOMO — Plymouth placed in nine events and won a championship in the 4 x 800 meter relay, scoring 39 points to take fourth out of a field of more than 35 total teams present at the Kokomo Boys Track and Field Regional May 22.

Northern Lakes Conference champ and rival Elkhart Memorial claimed first at Kokomo with 58, while South Bend Adams finished a point ahead of Mishawaka with 45 for team runner-up honors at the meet. Bremen scored 19 points to finish 15th, while Triton scored nine points, Culver Military tallied eight, and John Glenn finished with six points.

The Pilgrims were especially strong in the relays and distance events as they placed in the top eight in all three relay events and claimed top five spots in both the mile and the two-mile individual runs. Sophomore Leneil Himes also took fourth and fifth in the shot put and discus throw, respectively.

In between Plymouth's bookend relays, the Pilgrims' 4 x 100 team of Hodges, his brother Houston Hodges, Trent Keyser and Spencer Schalliol placed seventh in their race, Calvin Cook took third in the two-mile and Johnson placed fourth in the mile run.

Johnson recorded a personal best 4:32.55 in the 1600, but he laid too far back during the first half of the race, and although he finished with a strong kick, it was too late to catch Oak Hill's Cameron Balsler four seconds ahead of him.

Cook used a similar strategy in the 3200, hanging back in fourth place behind CMA's Alejandro Arroyo until the last half-mile, when he surged to pass Arroyo and held off Glenn's Austin O'Connor, who took fourth ahead of Arroyo in fifth.

Cook's state-qualifying 9:47 beat his old personal best by a full 14 seconds. The Pilgrim junior said he followed the example of fellow Plymouth distance runner Morgan Hite, who placed second in the two-mile run at the Bremen Girls Regional on Tuesday to earn a berth at Bloomington herself.

Also in the 300 hurdles Thursday, Culver Academy's Daniel Ching placed fifth for his team with a time of 39.77.

In one of the most dominant individual performances of the day, Bremen's Jared Miller recorded personal bests in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes — setting a new school record in the 200 with a 21.89 in the 200 to beat out Concord's Anthony Harper by nearly half a second for a regional championship.

In one jumping event at Kokomo, Plymouth's Kent Corsbie placed fifth in the long jump with a 21-2 leap. Culver Community's Justin Master also competed in the event, but the Cavalier junior said he struggled with a 19-1 mark at the meet.

"I can jump up to 20, but it's hit or miss," said Master. "I had a small injury, but that really didn't affect me much. I was here last year, so I was really looking forward to jumping. I finished about the same as this year. I just came out and jumped, but it wasn't enough."

• 2008 IHSAA KOKOMO BOYS TRACK AND FIELD SECTIONAL

At Kokomo
Team results: 1. Elkhart Memorial 58; 2. South Bend Adams 45; 3. Mishawaka 44; 4. Plymouth 39; 5. Northridge 36; 6. Warsaw Community 34; 7. Elkhart Central 33; 8. South Bend Clay 32; 9. Fairfield 28; 10. South Bend Washington 26; 15. Bremen 19; 20. Triton 9; 22. Culver Military 8; 25. John Glenn 6.

100 meter dash: 1. Franklin, Troyvior South Bend W 10.87; 2. Brown, Juanieco South Bend A 10.91; 3. Miller, Jared Bremen 10.97; 4. Owens, Cortez Elkhart Memo 11.01; 5. Harper, Anthony Concord 11.15; 6. Johnson, Danzele NorthWood 11.18; 7. Brown, Kyle Western 11.43; 8. Hall, Jerel Western 11.51.

200 meter dash: 1. Miller, Jared Bremen 21.89; 2. Harper, Anthony Concord 22.11; 3. Brown, Juanieco South Bend A 22.47; 4. Adeniyi, Andrew South Bend C 22.57; 5. Brown, John South Bend R 22.58; 6. Korenstra, Alex Fairfield 22.68; 7. Owens, Cortez Elkhart Memo 22.84; 8. Wallace, Ethan Madison-Gran 22.95.

400 meter dash: 1. Brown, Eric Wawasee 49.16; 2. Korenstra, Alex Fairfield 49.64; 3. Sult, Tyler Mishawaka 50.06; 4. Branch, Antwan Elkhart Memo 50.79; 5. Marbury, Jeffrey Elkhart Cent 51.10; 6. Wilson, Brandon Logansport 51.42; 7. Favo, Brendan South Bend S 51.43; 8. Glassburn, Mitch PLYM 51.48.

800 meter run: 1. Roscoe, Lucas Elkhart Cent 1:58.57; 2. Murto, Michael Goshen 1:59.21; 3. Favorite, Jack South Bend A 1:59.49; 4. Albert, Andrew Northridge 1:59.51; 5. Payne, Nathan South Bend A 2:00.17; 6. Garretson, Aaron Peru 2:00.31; 7. Kamman, Kreigh South Bend C 2:00.99; 8. Freeman, Sam Northwestern 2:02.61.

1600 meter run: 1. Mercer, Ladd Northridge 4:24.24; 2. Padgett, Craig Mishawaka 4:24.87; 3. Balsler, Cameron Oak Hill 4:28.80; 4. Johnson, Peter PLYM 4:32.55; 5. Bradley, Michael South Bend S 4:32.61; 6. Garretson, Aaron Peru 4:34.73; 7. Bice, Ryan Pioneer 4:35.51; 8. Linn, Eric NMIA 4:37.31.

3200 meter run: 1. Padgett, Craig Mishawaka 9:40.97; 2. Dorcye, Race

Elkhart Memo 9:41.88; 3. Cook, Calvin PLYM 9:47.94; 4. O'Connor, Austin Glenn 9:49.77; 5. Arroyo, Alejandro Culver Acade 9:51.18; 6. Wynn, Tyler Goshen 10:00.30; 7. Scott, Corey Western 10:01.75; 8. Kennedy, Kory Northwestern 10:02.59.

110 meter hurdles: 1. Griffith, Logan South Bend A 14.18; 2. Mack, Jeremy Elkhart Memo 14.57; 3. Wiley, Quontrel Elkhart Cent 14.64; 4. Burns, Robert NorthWood 14.67; 5. Halliburton, Devin Elkhart Memo 14.93; 6. Buchanon, Jarrod South Bend C 14.99; 7. Zielinski, Jacob Mishawaka Ma 15.27; 8. Lennon, Patrick Western 15.84.

300 meter hurdles: 1. Griffith, Logan South Bend A 38.58; 2. Halliburton, Devin Elkhart Memo 38.75; 3. Gangloff, Tyler Fairfield 39.13; 4. Anderson, Kyle Oak Hill 39.69; 5. Ching, Daniel Culver Acade 39.77; 6. Reyes, Anthony Wawasee 39.97; 7. Burns, Robert NorthWood 40.03; 8. Bogucki, John Glenn 40.46.

4 x 100 meter relay: 1. Elkhart Memorial 43.13 (Owens, Cortez Gates, Louis 11 Mack, Jeremy Halliburton, Devington); 2. South Bend Clay 43.23; 3. South Bend Washington 43.62; 4. Mishawaka Marian 44.02; 5. Fairfield 44.13; 6. Wawasee 44.46; 7. Plymouth 44.89 (Keyser, Trent, Hodges, Houston; Schalliol, Spencer; Hodges, Austin); 8. Western 45.04; 8. Concord 45.04.

4 x 400 meter relay: 1. Wawasee 3:22.10 (Kaase, Tyson; Reyes, Anthony; McDonald, Ryan; Brown, Eric); 2. Elkhart Central 3:23.50; 3. South Bend Clay 3:23.72; 4. Mishawaka Marian 3:24.23; 5. Northridge 3:24.25; 6. Plymouth 3:26.48 (Hodges, Austin; Danielson, Mark; Hill, Derek; Ivy, Curtis); 7. Bremen 3:28.46 (Klinge, Ben; Miller, Jared); 8. Western 3:28.55.

4 x 800 meter relay: 1. Plymouth 8:00.80 Johnson, Peter; Danielson, Mark; Hill, Derek; Ivy, Curtis); 2. Northridge 8:01.70; 3. Goshen 8:02.07; 4. South Bend Saint Joseph's 8:03.08; 5. Mishawaka 8:05.55; 6. Elkhart Memorial 8:17.43; 7. Concord 8:19.25; 8. Manchester 8:24.79.

High jump: 1. Spangle, David Warsaw Commu 6-5; 2. McIntyre, Troy Triton J6-5; 3. Neuhoff, Matthew Mishawaka Ma 6-3; 4. Prentice, Desean Penn 6-2; 5. Miller, Adam NMIA J6-2; 6. Foust, Tanner Fairfield J6-2; 7. Goodman, Brock Goshen J6-2; 8. Hudson, Kyle Bremen 6-1.

Pole vault: 1. Reynolds, James NorthWood 15-3; 2. Campbell, Kyle Penn 15-0; 3. Veal, Jeffrey Penn J15-0; 4. Roach, Peter Elkhart Memo 14-8; 5. Dubois, Braxton ROCH 14-0; 6. Swisher, Dakota Eastern (Gre 13-6; Jackson, Kevin Eastern (Gre 13-6; 8. Meister, Joel Triton J13-6.

Long jump: 1. Pennix, Malcolm South Bend W 24-2.50 2. Smith, Daniel South Bend Clay 23-7.50; 3. Virgil, Seth Northridge 22-9; 4. Robinson, Joshua Elkhart Cent 22-1; 5. Saporita, Grant, Vict Warsaw Commu 21-9.50; 6. Corsbie, Kent PLYM 21-2; 7. Alsup, John Kokomo 21-1.50; 8. Dickey, Robert Madison-Gran 20-10.50.

Shot put: 1. Wells, Leonard Warsaw Commu 59-11; 2. Banke, Nick Mishawaka 55-8.50; 3. Macellari, Marcus South Bend S 53-1.50; 4. Himes, Leneil PLYM 51-8.50; 5. Herman-shepler, Tr Fairfield 50-9.50; 6. Romine, Nate Northridge 50-25; 7. Ruff, Justin Pioneer 49-10.50; 8. Walters, Benjamin Penn 49-10.00.

Discus: 1. Wells, Leonard Warsaw Commu 189-0; 2. Banke, Nick Mishawaka 183-11; 3. Macellari, Marcus South Bend S 160-6; 4. Ruff, Justin Pioneer 154-4; 5. Himes, Leneil PLYM 151-8; 6. Miller, Gregory NMIA 149-0; 7. Miller, Toby Oak Hill 146-0; 8. Forester, Sidney South Bend A 145-6.

Eagles succumb in hard-fought baseball battle

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — John Glenn pitcher Michael Fansler lived up to the first syllable in his last name Thursday.

The junior right-hander struck out four Culver Military Academy batters in three scoreless innings of relief to preserve the Falcons' 7-6 Class 3A Sectional 19 semifinal win at Bill Nixon Field.

Inserted into a bases-loaded nobody-out mess in the fifth inning with Glenn clinging to a two-run lead, Fansler allowed just one of the inherited runners to score — on a hit batter. He fanned a pair of men in the inning and escaped with a fielder's choice groundout to keep the Falcons in the lead.

Glenn, in its first year in Class 3A after battling through a see-saw regular season, advances to Saturday's final against Mishawaka Marian. Game time is 1 p.m. at Bill Nixon Field.

CMA freshman Max Terhar singled three times and knocked in three runs, while Connor Bartelman capped off the Eagles' four-run first frame with a three-run blast over the left field fence. David Gerths singled, doubled and walked in four plate appearances for the Eagles before being ejected in the top of the seventh for arguing balls and strikes in a relief role.

Four errors, though, coupled with the Falcons' 13-hit attack kept the Eagles scuffling all night.

"That whole game felt like we were running up a sand dune," CMA head coach Gary Hinton said. "When you make four errors...Anyone who's been around baseball knows that pitching and defense win ball games."

"Four errors is brutal in it-

self," he added. "Then in the fifth inning with bases loaded, mercy. It's like the old Jackson Browne song, 'Doctor my eyes.' We had opportunities and didn't capitalize. It's super frustrating."

Both teams came out swinging. Glenn starting pitcher Jared Rhodes, who earned the win on the mound, reached on a one-out error. Brody Solmos singled, followed by RBI knocks from Schmidt, Fansler and Cody Shreve to put Glenn up 3-0.

The Eagles responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning. Mo Weddington led off with an infield single, moved to second on a groundout, hustled to third on a wild pitch and scored on Terhar's first hit. Gerths fell behind 0-2 before coaxing a walk and Bartelman followed with his three-run poke.

CMA threatened again in the third. Josh Wright smacked a leadoff single and tried to score on Gerth's one-out double that fell inside the right field chalk. However, Glenn right fielder Lonnie Shetler located the ball quickly and threw to second baseman Cody Singleton who relayed a bullet to catcher Eric Bueno to nab Wright by two steps.

"The defensive plays we made were huge," Nadolny said. "Cody threw a strike — that helped us put up another goose egg — he threw a darn strike. We kept them off the scoreboard. It was huge."

After an intentional walk to Bartelman, Rhodes induced a fly out to end the inning.

"I can't see everything from the dugout, but I think what happened was our runner hesitated just a little bit," Hinton said. "It doesn't take much and you're done. This time it was a grenade."

And the explosion continued.

ued in Glenn's next at-bat. Brock Solmos beat out an infield hit, moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Shetler and scored when Rhodes drove a solid single up the gut. After Brody Solmos walked, Schmidt found the right-center field gap to score Rhodes and Solmos. Bueno then hit a grounder to third. The throw across the diamond pulled CMA first baseman Jeff Mattson off the bag, and when he tried to tag Bueno, the ball popped loose allowing Schmidt to motor all the way home for a 7-4 Glenn lead.

CMA scored its final two runs in the fifth. Weddington reached on a leadoff throwing error, moved up on a Wright single, stole third and scored on the second of Terhar's two RBI singles. Gerths singled to load the bases and chase Rhodes from the mound.

Fansler struck out the first batter he faced and hit Trevor Grywatch to make it a 7-6 game before retiring the next two batters.

CMA didn't go quietly in the seventh. Terhar drove a leadoff single through the right side to bring up the No. 4 hole in the order. However, with clean-up man Gerths gone, Fansler fanned the next two hitters and Glenn center fielder Jacob Marek chased down a fly ball in the left-center field gap to end the game.

"We survived," Nadolny said. "We live to play another day. I'm excited."

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CULVER MILITARY 6
At Plymouth Sectional 19
Class 3A
Glenn: 3 0 0 4 0 0 0 — 7 13 1
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Jared Rhodes (W), Michael Fansler (5, 5) and Eric Bueno; Al Morris, Jordan Simola (3, L), David Gerths (5), Connor Bartelman (7) and Mo Weddington.
2B: JT Schmidt (JG), Gerths (CMA).
HR: Bartelman (CMA).



Culver Lions roar on 65 years later

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Sixty-five years ago, 38 men, as a group, “made a real impact on this town, and they still are.” This accord-

ably could tell you if they were home or not!”

Besides developing street signs for Culver, Harper also cited the club for the purchase of an eye machine

how been touched by this Lions club,” said Harper. “If you’ve gone down the street and looked at a street sign, you’ve been touched by the Lions.”

Kenneth Lautzenheiser, a World War II vet and former Lions International Director, prefaced his remarks by recalling his experience on a clear day in 1944, at the Battle of the Bulge, during which he spent 13 hours in a foxhole while more than 10,000 airmen lost their lives. “About the eleventh hour,” said Lautzenheiser, “I said, ‘If I ever get out of this hole alive, I shall live every single day of my life to the fullest.’ I owed (my life) to a super being, who gave me the opportunity to serve. For anybody here who doesn’t have faith, that’s what has kept this club going for 65 years: faith, dedication, commitment, and attention to detail.”

Lautzenheiser described a newly-formed Culver Lions club: “...Paul Snyder who ran the hardware, Kenny Miller who owned the dairy, Dale Jones who was the station master here in this building, Judd Stinchcomb, Stefan Rector who ran one of your pharmacies, John Bigley who ran the orchard, Mr. Easterday your undertaker, W.R. Washburn, Harry Edgington the contractor. They all came together in 1943 and decided there was a place for a service club in this community that didn’t exist before.”

Lautzenheiser recalled being sent the Culver Lions’ newsletter by past president Pat Birk each month and noticing articles by Jim Harper. “I said to Art, ‘I’ve got to meet this Jim Harper.’ I told him personally...I was so impressed with his insight and his motivation. Jim taught me something: if you really

want to see the sunshine in life, you’ve got to weather the storm...in District 11B1 in Michigan, we have a district chaplain and an article every month because of (Harper).”

Lautzenheiser -- who has had perfect attendance to Lion meetings for 46 years -- also cited Lions Barbara Winters and Nancy Coby for their work in gaining 29 new members for the Culver club, adding a recollection of the controversy spawned initially over whether to allow women into Lions International. He asked for a round of applause for all the women Lions in the room.

Lautzenheiser praised the Culver Lions for identifying needs in the Culver community, recalling the transformation of a dilapidated train station 19 years ago into a solid and well-used community center.

“Jim Harper truly helped to reinforce in me the importance of being a Lion of the heart and not just wearing a pin,” Lautzenheiser continued, adding that Art and Pat Birk have done the same, with Art’s work with the Indiana Eye Bank is “unsurpassed.”

“I don’t believe in hope,” he said. “Hope is neutral. I can hope, but if you have faith, there is a power that assists us beyond our expectations. Looking at the psyche of this group, all the people here -- doctors, farmers, ministers -- they had faith. You have fulfilled their vision.”

The club presented past president Bob Cultice with a plaque honoring him for 53 years of service to the Lions. Also recognized were Culver Lions members Ed Schultz and Larry Welsh (who has 61 years of perfect Lions attendance) for more than 50 years of membership.

Lake Max Residents See Hydrilla Close-Up

Residents of the Lake Maxinkuckee community and surrounding lake communities attended a free aquatic plant I.D. workshop May 17 sponsored by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council. The class offered an up-close and personal look at the invasive aquatic weed that has closed neighboring Lake Manitou for two years.

Visiting aquatic specialist Mark Mongin of SePRO Corp. explained to officers of the Lake Association’s Lake Patrol and others how impor-

eyes are our best tool for early detection. If people in the Lake Manitou community had been aware of what to look for, the infestation of hydrilla in their lake would not have been so advanced before it was finally identified.”

People associated with the IDNR and Lake Manitou said it appears hydrilla had been growing there for up to four years before it was identified in late 2006. The IDNR now projects that it will cost up to \$1.5 million to make



PHOTO SUBMITTED
CMA students Adam Spenner and Kent Turner help place a hydrilla warning sign on Lake Maxinkuckee.

tant it is to have a proactive monitoring and inspection program like that designed by the LMEC. “Local citizens willing to take the time to learn what plants like hydrilla look like and to understand the ways the plants can be transferred, are the key to the success of any monitoring plan,” explained Mongin, holding a tightly sealed, live hydrilla specimen. “Your

any eradication effort at Lake Manitou successful.

With the help of local volunteers, generous private donors, and grants like the Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. fund of the Marshall County Community Foundation, the LMEC has been working fast to set up a well-rounded monitoring and inspection program that can be in place as the 2008 lake season begins.

LMEC Director Kathy Clark explains, “Being located so close (23 miles) to the site of the first infestation of hydrilla in the entire Midwest has lent a strong sense of urgency to our plans. After speaking to numerous IDNR personnel about the issue, we felt

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PHOTO/KATHY BERIENDI

Culver Lion Don Cultice, left, chats with past International Lions Director Kenneth Lautzenheiser at the Culver Lions’ 65th anniversary celebration last week.

ing to Culver Lions Club’s Jim Harper, speaking at the Culver club’s 65th anniversary May 28, in the historic Vandalia depot-train station the group renovated

more than a decade ago, “the largest and most visible project” of the club, according to Harper.

After honoring past presidents of the club in attendance, Master of Ceremonies Don Freese – who also created a Power Point of images of the club’s past – introduced Harper’s talk on the history of the club. “Would you believe,” asked Harper, “that before the inception of Lions (in Culver), there were no street signs in Culver? If you asked someone what street you were on, they would look at you like you were crazy! If you told them who you were looking for, they could tell you where that person lived, and prob-

for the school, and radios for the police department. He recalled days when the “Lions den” was above the A&P store in downtown Culver and held many dances and other events, including hugely popular boat races, “one of bigger fund raisers of the club. They were so loud that no racing could begin until after church was over Sunday morning. Businesses in town had an increase in trade that weekend.”

Harper described longstanding Lions activities that continue today: eye screening for children aged one to five, glasses for those in need, vision screening, Halloween and Christmas parties, high school senior awards, scholarships, school supplies for students in need, community awards, a youth exchange program, and more.

“There is no one in town – no one – who has not some-

Scenes from Culver Comm. High School graduation 2008



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**Congratulations
Class of 2008!**



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Photo at top left: Graduates Kylie Gunder, Linley Master, and Kasi Browning preserve graduation memories by photograph. Top right: Jesse Good, with diploma in hand, makes the exuberant "leap" out of Culver High School and into the world. Lower left: Class president Racheal Looney receives her diploma from CHS principal Albert Hanselman, with Mitch Page stepping onstage behind her. Lower right: Graduates Lindsey McKee and Ben Buschman (left and right, respectively) flank CHS teacher Chris Stevens at the graduation ceremony.

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History in song

Left: George Schricker opened the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's 2008 summer season at Culver Public Library May 24 with stories from Potawatomi tradition and his own local experiences, and songs of local interest, including a song written on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee, songs about local Indian chiefs Aubbeenaubbee and Menominee, stories about his late grandfather, former Ind. governor Harry Schricker, and more. The meeting included an update on the AHS' museum project in the library by AHS president Jim Peterson. The next AHS program will take place June 14 at the Uptown Cinema in Culver.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Community invited to learn from Bible's 'Bad Girls'

The women of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church invite all to join them as they read, review and discuss the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. The group will meet every Tuesday for nine weeks from 7 to 8:30 p.m. An organizational meeting for everyone interested will be held on Tuesday, June 3. Those miss the organizational meeting may read the first chapter and join the group on June 10. Discussion of the book will continue through July 29. The meetings will be held at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church located at 515 State St. in Culver. Discussion sessions will be led by Judy Becker, Karen Dehne and Judi Dodge.

The book may be purchased the book from a favorite bookstore or ordered on-line. The ISBN number is 978-1-57856-125-4. The cost of the book is around \$14.

The book discussion is open to women of any age who are seeking a more contemporary approach to life influenced by "The Bad Girls of the Bible" and what we can learn from them. With this non-denominational book and discussion group, participants will enjoy the fresh approach these lessons apply to everyday life.

All are invited to join Pastor Margaret Shaw, Becker, Dehne and Dodge on Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church to find out more.

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the need to move forward as quickly as possible with professional monitoring efforts as well as providing education to our local community. With those plans in place and moving forward, our focus is now on finding volunteers to help us monitor spots around the lake and wetlands during this year's growing season."

The LMEC has joined with local Boy Scout Mark Richmond and Culver Academy student Adam Spenner. "For the past three or four months, elements of our monitoring and inspection program have been discussed with both of these young men," said Clark. "Adam and another Academy student, Kent Turner assisted Dave Blalock, Head of Grounds at the Academy and members of the LMEC with the installation of hydrilla warning signs and zebra mussel signs at five access points around Lake Maxinkuckee. We must hope that education and awareness will provide some defense while we work with the IDNR to establish a launch site inspection program."

Anyone who would like more information on how to help are urged to contact the LMEC office at 574-842-3686.

The Aquatic Controls company will spend Thurs., June

12 on Lake Maxinkuckee searching five different high-traffic areas. The company will be conducting rake samplings, underwater camera surveys, and actual diving transects along the lake bottom. Training with them will be local divers Mike Grover, chief of the Culver-Union Twp. Fire Department and Dan Baughman, a math instructor at Culver Academies who is also heavily involved with the Nature Conservancy in the area. Both will in turn train other local volunteers for ongoing dive searches through bloom season each year (April-September).

The LMEC urges boaters to refrain from using Lake Maxinkuckee on June 12 during searches to prevent disturbance of the lake bottom. Monitoring will be taking place a second time Aug. 21.

Concerns that sea gulls and other birds might spread the hydrilla plant between lakes were also discussed at the workshop. Mongin explained that, along with wind and man, birds are known to be "carriers" of plant seeds from one location to another. The LMEC is asking all interested parties to start keeping a simple record book of spots in the lake and wetlands that birds regularly flock.

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response to a question from audience member Jean Rakich, Young affirmed that visitors to the playground will not have to pay to use it, but will only be charged an entrance fee if they plan to use the beach. She said the park hopes to redo the fence in that area – the east pavilion of the park adjoining the Indian trails – and create a gate leading into Vandalia Village. She said there are no plans at present to change parking arrangements in relation to the playground.

Kelly Young also clarified the history of a project for which she had asked the town council for financial assistance, explaining it was part of a commitment made by the park when it received an LWCF grant in 1984 to

acquire the former right of way owned by the railroad, in order to incorporate it into existing park property. The grant, from the Dept. of Outdoor Recreation, was for \$20,645 and matched funds raised in the community by the Lions Club and others in order to secure the land. Young said she began as park director shortly after the March, 1984 awarding of the grant.

The present project is the second of three phases intended to bury service lines that are currently suspended above ground, in compliance with the grant. Young told the council she met with town clerk Casey Howard to discuss finances, and the park board agreed that instead of seeking funds from the council, the \$10,000-plus fee for NIPSCO to bury the line will come from the park's Rainy Day Fund, which she said had about \$116,000 as of the end of April.

In other business, the council approved the second and third readings of an ordinance to amend fees for building permits and applications; the ordinance will

public notice has been printed twice.

Clerk Howard noted that the town's water expenses were higher than its income from water in 2007. She added that the water fund is presently healthy but half the cost of a project on the west shore of the lake will deplete that account, with an additional \$50,000 payment on the horizon for a new water truck.

Council president Ralph Winters noted that seven years have passed since the town's last water rate increase. "I think the handwriting's on the wall to look at initiating a water rate increase," he said.

Culver fire chief Mike Grover informed the council that three new members of his department have completed their mandatory training and are now clear to accompany the firemen on runs, bringing the department to full capacity again.

Winters, standing in for town manager Sean McDermott, not present at the meeting, presented the manager's report, which included a quote for street pavement re-

in town: the corner of Slate and Marmont Streets, Slate and College Ave, Lake St. and College, Cass and Lake Streets, and Jefferson Street near the Culver Cove, for a total of \$7,820 which the council approved. It was suggested that the corner of Main and Marmont Streets be looked at for potential repairs as well.

Town attorney Ron Gifford told the council that letters have been sent to property owners in the Long Point annexation area pertaining to the upcoming annexation of that region into the town of Culver.

Some discussion was had about the potential paving of Hoosier Lane on Culver's south side.

Council member Ginny Munroe said she received a letter from a representative of the Collins company requesting a two hour parking zone in the area of the new Collins building on Main Street south of downtown; she added that Grant Munroe of Culver Lodging next door, is in agreement. Additionally, she said, Dave Beggs, owner of the Culver hardware, approached her about creating a 15 minute parking zone outside the hardware, as people parking long-term there makes it difficult for hardware customers to park and use the store.

Discussion ensued about the importance of longer term parking downtown for shoppers and diners at restaurants there. Gifford suggested the council consult police chief Wayne Bean about the matter.

Concern was raised again by council member Lynn Overmyer about a house on South Main Street sitting on elevated "stilts," and the safety issue it presents for area children in particular. Building inspector Russ Mason said he has spoken with the property owner, who is awaiting contractors to complete the job, having run into unexpected problems there. Clerk Howard will compose a letter of "extreme concern" about the matter to the property owner.

In response to a query from Kelly Young, Mason also clarified that golf carts are to be used in the town park only where cars are permitted, but not in areas intended for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, unless patrons with disabilities make specific arrangements otherwise with Young.

Fire chief Grover also informed the council and public that no test date has been set for the new fire siren near the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Road 10. He said there will be a short test initially. "I will let everyone know before the long round," he said.

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