

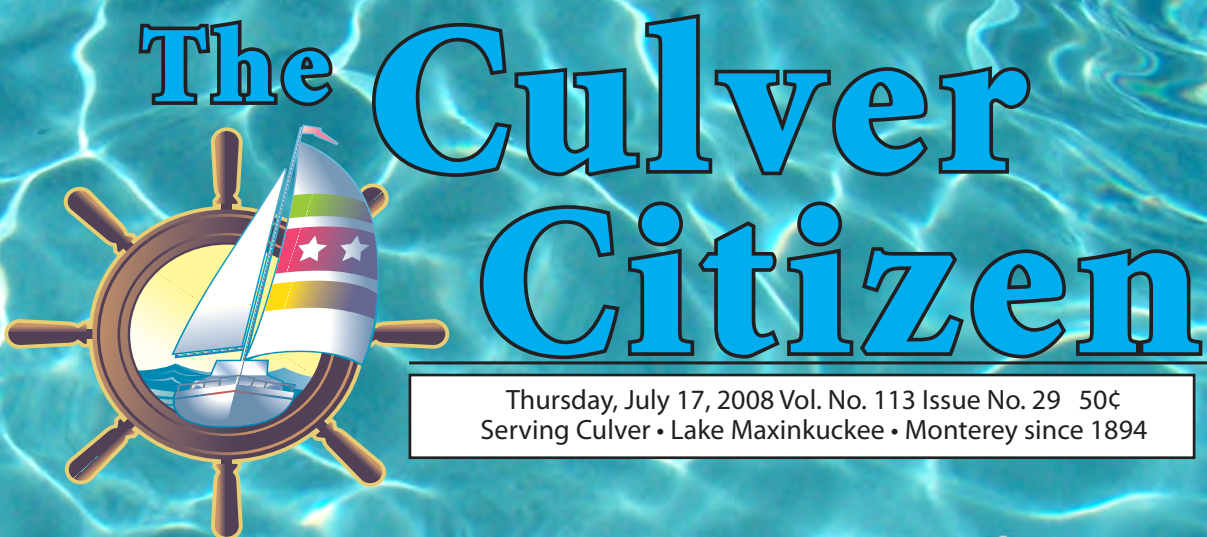
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Culver Lake Fest
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In Brief

Hydrilla sample on display at Lake Fest

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council has arranged for Mark Mongin of the SePRO Corporation in Carmel and the Indiana Lakes Management Society to have a live sample of hydrilla available for anyone interested in seeing it so they can help watch for it in Lake Maxinkuckee or any lake. He will be inside the front (street side) entrance of the historic railroad depot in the Culver town park from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19 during Culver's Lake Fest. All other lake associations from the region are welcome to come by, according to Kathy Clark, LMEC director.

Water ball tourney set for July 19

The Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a waterball tournament shortly after the Lake Fest parade Sat., July 19 just off Lake Shore Drive on State Street. Waterball involves a ball suspended via cable above the ground and competing teams — made up of various area fire departments — pushing the ball back and forth using water pressure from fire hoses. The public is invited to the event.

Lions seek school supply donations

It's almost time for school to start, and the Culver Lions are again asking for help in making sure all children have the necessary supplies for school this coming year, according to program chairman Jim Harper. Thanks to community help, no child in the Culver school system went without needed supplies last year. Back packs, pencils, pens, paper, crayons, folders, erasers, compasses, and any other object that a teacher needs for a child to be a full participant in class are welcomed. All funds collected go for supplies or student needs.

Please make checks payable to the Culver Lions. They may be mailed to: Jim Harper, 1000 S. Main, Culver, IN, 46511 or to the Culver Lions, 615 Lake Shore

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Landmark Lake Fest

This year's Lake Fest in Culver's town park will add something all the more special to the usual roster of fun and frolic: the celebration of the quarter-century anniversary of the popular annual event. See article below.

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Lake Fest celebrates 25th anniversary this weekend

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

Twenty-five years ago, the band Flock of Seagulls were making radical hairstyles and the song "I Ran" a big hit — and the band Category 5 was helping make the first Culver Lake Fest a hit.

While the hairstyles may have faded into the past, Category 5 hasn't and will be playing once again to kick off this year's Silver Anniversary of Lake Fest on July 18.

"They're a band out of North Judson and they were

one of the first ones to play at Lake Fest and we're very happy to have them back," said Susie Norwich, one of those helping to organize this year's Lake Fest.

The world has changed since the early 1980s and so has the festival, as the theme, "Down Memory Lane" depicts — although organizers are still adding new attractions and events for the whole family. This year will be the addition of L'Max, a bicycle tour that will include distances for everyone on July 20.

"There will be distances of 10, 35, 65 and even 100 miles for the most energetic riders," said Norwich. "You can choose any distance you want, you can just ride 10 miles with the family. The routes go around all the lakes even as far away as Bass Lake."

There is an entry fee for the run and everyone who participates will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event. Anyone interested can pre-register at the Lake Fest Web site www.culverlakefest.com. Since the event is

a run and not a race, participants can register between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Beach Lodge the day of the event.

The Culver firemen will also be adding a new event this year — a waterball contest with several area fire departments taking part. The event will be held in front of the fire station in Culver starting around 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19. Just prior to that friendly competition will be a wakeboard show put on by Port Side Marina.

Some things haven't really changed all that much over

the years and all of the food and fun that people have come to expect next to Lake Maxinkuckee will still be there. Events like the family bass fishing tournament and fun run kick off on Saturday along with many other fun contests for the whole family.

"Almost all of our crafts people are local with hand made items," said Norwich. "We have all our great music in the shelters around the park and lots of games

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Medallion Cabinetry

CITIZEN PHOTO/JOHN K. REED

Bomb threat evacuates Culver's Medallion

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Employees of Medallion Cabinetry in Culver were temporarily evacuated Tuesday morning in response to a bomb threat left on the company's answering machine the previous evening saying "everybody's going to die," according to Culver police chief Wayne Bean.

"In response to the (bomb) threat, we contacted our local law enforcement authorities, and evacuated the building," said operations manager Dick Riel. "We take the safety of our employees very seriously. We worked with law enforcement to inspect the building

(and) will continue to work with law enforcement to apprehend the subjects responsible."

Officers from the Culver Police dept. were dispatched to the scene around 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, with officers from Kosciusko and Allen County called in short order, a Kosciusko officer making an initial sweep of the building and Allen Co. bomb-sniffing dogs arriving about 40 minutes later.

"Our main concern is everybody getting out of building," explains Bean. "We've seen this kind of thing hap-

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Unearthing a giant Mastodon discovery at rural Culver home

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver area land on which John Benedict decided to retire — in the family over 100 years and occupied by his mother Opal until her recent death — turns out to be home to at least two previous tenants from a few years

back. 10,000-12,000 years

Benedict was excavating a pond earlier this spring on the 18B Road land, east of the village of Maxinkuckee, when excavator Gary McGhee of Argos signaled Benedict to show him what Benedict describes as "the big shoulder

bone probably three feet long and 12 to 14 inches around at the ends. Then we stopped digging right away; we both had enough sense to find out what we have. I called Bill Snyder from Plymouth...he had been involved with a dig near West Elementary. He put me in touch with Ron Richards from the (Indiana) state museum."

After Richards and another museum representative explained Benedict's options — dig and sell, donate locally, or donate the bones to the state museum — Benedict discussed the matter with his brother and signed papers donating the artifacts to the state. "Not everything has to be for sale," says Benedict. "People say, 'You can get this and that for the bones.' I like idea of the bones being in a museum."

Richards, chief curator of natural history at the Indianapolis-based museum for the past 27 years, identified the bones as that of a female mastodon, probably about middle aged (Benedict says he and his brother decided to nickname the mastodon 'Opal' in honor of their mother). Richards adds that it appears a second set

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John Benedict, above, holds part of the skull of a 12,000 year old mastodon whose skeleton is being recovered by workers from the Indiana State Museum on Benedict's Culver area property.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Annual Sunfish Regatta sets sail July 26

The sixth annual Lake Maxinkuckee Sunfish Regatta will take place July 26, bringing together a spectacular splash of Sunfish color to a free event for all ages.

Hosted at the John Zeglis cottage at 1614 East Shore Drive on Maxinkuckee's shores (that's the "flag house" flying flags of colleges and universities, exactly half way between the north and south shores of the lake, says Zeglis), the regatta launches from the Zeglis pier with registration starting at 10 a.m., a skipper's meeting at 10:30, and the race kickoff between 10:45 and 11 a.m. The event consists of two races in simple, triangular courses, followed by a return to the Zeglis home for a barbecue picnic for sailors and support crews. Ribbons and trophies are awarded for each class in the regatta: the Youth, Culver Woodcrafter, Women's, Seniors, and now a Lasers division as well.

The Sunfish Regatta concludes with a traditional candy toss for the youth in attendance, wrapping everything up by 2 p.m. "We started this on a Labor Day cruise around the lake," notes Zeglis. "We counted 58 Sunfish parked or docked on the lake, but we had never seen more than two or three of those out at once."

More information may be obtained by emailing John Zeglis at john@jzeglis.com.



The sixth annual Sunfish Regatta on Lake Maxinkuckee sets sail July 26.

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Medallion, from page A1

pen with schools before. When you've got a big building like that, it's like a school. (Medallion is) a little more open compared to a school, which is the nice thing. It's better to be safe than sorry."

Bean notes that the department has a

name they're looking into, "but nothing 100 percent as to whether that person's involved or not. We think it's possibly a disgruntled employee or somebody that's worked there."

Bean adds that employees were sent home or to early lunch until about 11 a.m., after the plant had been thoroughly searched; then workers returned and the workday proceeded as usual.

Mastodon, from page A1



Left: Ron Richards (left) and Shawn Huddleson of the Indiana State Museum (kneeling) and volunteer Karen Budd are surrounded by mastodon bones found in a pile of back dirt through which they are continuing to sift on land owned by John Benedict outside Culver. Digging crews will then turn to the nearby pond whose excavation yielded the initial bone discovery. Above: A tub of mastodon bones freshly unearthed July 9 at the dig site.

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

of bones is also present, probably of a juvenile mastodon, though it's possible the two creatures were separated by thousands of years.

Mastodons in this area would have become extinct around 10,000-12,000 years ago. The museum plans to carbon date some of the bones to determine a precise age. The dig, Benedict says, is about 10 percent of the work. Much more will take place under a microscope in coming months to analyze details about the soil, air, and bones themselves.

The dig began July 7 and is slated to wrap up by July 19 at the latest, says Richards, who says the state museum typically goes on such digs once or twice a year, with a mastodon skeleton turning up somewhere in the state about once every other year. He says the Benedict bones are "icing on the cake" for the museum.

"We have an exhibit coming in the next few years (at the museum) of Indiana elephant graveyards," Richards explains, "and we didn't have enough material. Then up pops the Benedict mastodon. We've gotten some great mastodons over the years, but this is a female, fully adult. We want collections that show the full range. And the thing that's really

shown up is a lot of small bones, and that's often not found. We have (here) a lot of foot, throat, and tips of toes that are rare in collections. We've got kind of a super screen to put a lot of the back dirt pile through there."

Other than initial equipment damage to the animal's skull, which is in multiple pieces, Richards says the skeleton was well preserved. "There are great teeth, limb bones, ribs; they're displayable things, in good shape."

He adds that this part of Indiana would have been a conifer forest during the mastodon's life, as seen in northern regions today.

"Most people can visualize a mastodon, which they've seen pictures of," notes Benedict, referring to the ice age when such creatures roamed Indiana. "But people have trouble visualizing hundreds of feet of ice right here."

Richards says it's difficult to ascertain the animals' cause of death. "Some are found in former lakes and ponds after the ice retreated. Some became mired in mud, or died in a seasonal drought, or fell through the ice in winter. We almost never know. The end of the glacial period was about 10,000 years ago, so they survived glaciations, which had already left Indiana. Then there were massive die-offs. Some think it was due to a rapid change in climate, or to humans arriving, or disease, or a meteorite. I tend towards rapidly changing climate, myself."

Richards says the state museum has conducted numerous digs around the Rochester and Plymouth area, and that digs associated with Bill Snyder of Plymouth "tend to be good digs. He gets us a lot of help in this part of Indiana. And the landowners are gracious, great hosts. I think (Snyder) learns a lot each time. It's just a real good situation for everybody."

The dig, says Benedict, continues from morning 'til night, even in the rain. And it's obvious that the find resonates with Benedict, whose family has been working this land – and recording its changes – back to the days when draining land that was once wooded for farming was done with mules and manual equipment. "You think about farming corn and beans around here for the past 100 years," he muses, with a contemplative smile, "and then you realize something like this was walking around right here 10,000 years ago. This (last 100 years) is a very insignificant piece of time."

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Culver Tri Kappa welcomes new members

The Epsilon Nu chapter of Tri Kappa recently held its June initiation meeting at the City Tavern restaurant. Hosted by Colleen Denham, Ginny Monroe, and Jennifer Luttrell, the Epsilon Nu chapter proudly presented its seven newest Tri Kappa members at the meeting: Karen Boland, Andrea Cook, Carol Jackson, Bethany Pilarski, Moira Ruhly, Chris Sheppard, and Judy Sawhook.

The officers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year are: President: Colleen Denham; Vice President: Susan Richeson;



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Above: New Tri Kappa members include, from left to right: Judy Sawhook, Chris Sheppard, Bethany Pilarski, Andrea Cook, Carol Jackson, and Karen Boland.

Treasurer: Jo Surrisi; Corresponding Secretary: Tina Pare', and Recording Secretary: Jessye Gilley.

The friendship basket was made by Marilyn Day and won by Cassie Gunder.

The next meeting will be

held August 18 and will be hosted by our new members.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization with the objective of supporting programs in charity, culture, and education.

SillySafaristobringexoticanimalstoCulverLibrary

As part of its ongoing summer reading program, the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will play host to Indianapolis-based Silly Safaris at 10 a.m. on Weds., July

30. The group has visited the library before and always evokes squeals and gasps as animals ranging -- in the past -- from scorpions to large snakes, skunks to alligators

are brought forth and often shared for petting and one-on-one interactions.

The event is free and open to the public of all ages.

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.

Thursday, July 17: Ham and beans, coleslaw, cornbread and margarine, greens, diced onion, apricots, and milk.

Friday, July 18: Spaghetti

and meat sauce, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, Italian beans, pineapple, and milk. and margarine, jello with fruit, and milk.

Monday, July 21: BBQ Chicken Breast, cauliflower, bread & margarine, corn, chocolate pudding, and milk.

Tuesday, July 22: Hot Dog, mashed potatoes, Mandarin oranges, cabbages, buns, and milk.

Wednesday, July 23: Pork

Choppette & bun, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, peach cobbler, and milk.

Thursday, July 24: Chopped Steak w/ Gravy, bread & butter, lima beans, mashed potatoes, dessert, and milk.

Friday, July 25: Scrambled Eggs, sausage patty, biscuit & country gravy, hash browns, orange juice, fruit cup, and milk.

Anniversary

Master

Paul and Sandy Master of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren July 24-27 in Chicago. The couple was married June 21, 1958.

Their children are: Rick of Plymouth, Randy of Lexington, Ky., Marla of Plymouth and Jim of Lexington, Ky. They also have four grandchildren Paul is retired from Sprint as a semi driver. Sandy is a housewife.

They are members of the Moose, Elks and Eagles.

Community Calendar

Friday, July 18

Kiwanis golf outing, noon, Mystic Hills golf course
Culver Lake Fest kickoff including live band Category 5, 7-10 p.m., town park
Woodcraft Camp Homecoming Council fire dance, 9 p.m., Culver Academies

Saturday, July 19

Culver Lake Fest incl. breakfast (6 a.m.), bass fishing tournament (7 a.m.), fun run (7:15 a.m.), parade (10 a.m.), waterball tourney (after parade), kids' games, wakeboard show (1 p.m.), live music with Culver Pipes and Drums (11:30 a.m.), Sound Wave (2 p.m.), Steve Foresman (7 p.m.), fireworks (10 p.m.), and more. Town park.

Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel
Stitch in Time quilt show,

10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wesley United Methodist church.

Homecoming garrison parade, 8 p.m., Culver Academies parade field

Sunday, July 20

Culver Lake Fest concludes, with breakfast (6 a.m.), LMax bike ride (7 a.m.), community church service (8 a.m.), car show (9 a.m.), ski show (1 p.m.), bunrout contest on W. Mill St. (3 p.m.).

GEM car raffle drawing, 3 p.m., town park

Stitch in Time quilt show, noon - 4 p.m., Wesley United Methodist church.

Monday, July 21

Knitting Class, 10 a.m. and 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, July 22

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Yoga, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Wednesday, July 23

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

Lions club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot/train station

Thursday, July 24

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

Fred Karst, Center for Culver History/AHS, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Death notice

Anna T. Esch

July 8, 2008

CULVER — Anna Theresa Esch, 104, of Culver, died Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor.

She is survived by a niece, Wilma Craft of Plymouth; nephew, John Abert of Cherokee Village, Ark.; and seven great nieces.

Visitation was Saturday, July 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Branman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Funeral services were Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial was be at Burr Oak Cemetery.



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Woodcraft history: Choosing the sites

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"We found the perfect location in our back yard!"
-Bertram B. Culver, 1963

By Robert B.D. Hartman
Culver Academies historian

The Culver Academy's Woodcraft program prospered, but it was obvious that expansion was a major issue. The board of trustees, particularly Bertram B. (Bud) Culver, the chairman, and his cousin, Edwin, began to examine alternative sites. Chapel architect, Fred Larson from his office in New York City, suggested a lakefront camp east of the Naval Building and envisioned an Indian encampment complete with live-in tepees. While it had a visual appeal, the ground level, just slightly higher than the lake itself, was totally unsuitable and was rejected out-of-hand.

Larson, after designing the Naval Building, the Memorial Chapel, and Beason Hall, ended his association with the Academy in 1951 and all architectural responsibilities passed to William B. Ittner in St. Louis. Ittner was enamored with the wooded 15 acres west of the Culver Inn overlooking the lake. Though visually impressive, the so-called Indian Trail bluff was rejected because there was little room to expand and access to the lake was difficult.

Having lost this battle, Ittner tried again. He drew up a full set of plans for a site north of Indiana 10 in the general area of today's baseball and soccer fields. Newly installed Superintendent Major General Delmar T. Spivey embraced the new design and urged the Board to authorize final drawings and move the project forward.

Bud and Ed Culver were less sanguine about the site. They recalled in their institutional memory that an earlier road had blocked expansion of the Woodcraft Camp and saw such a move as creating even more issues. If a highway through the campus created traffic and safety issues in 1929, the multiplier effect would be horrendous 30 years later. Woodcrafters would have to cross the highway to reach the main campus, the Chapel, the Mess Hall, and the Recreation Building! Worse still, they would have a long distance to travel to reach the waterfront.

The Culvers also questioned Ittner's evaluation of the site. It was little more than a flat field with little contour, few trees, and nothing to inspire a vision of what they thought a Woodcraft Camp should be. Spivey saw the folly of staying with a losing position and deserted Ittner forthwith. The



Above: Site of today's Woodcraft camp in the early 1960s, just before work began on the camp as it stands today.
Right: Groundbreaking ceremony in 1962 for the new camp. Left to right: Maj. Gen. Delmar T. Spivey, Jeff Fisher, E.R. Culver Jr., Jack Allen, B.B. Culver Jr., Rear Admiral John W. Bays. Kneeling are Woodcrafters Hal Benham and Albert Pare'.

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the highway near the boat sheds. Feeding the campers posed a greater logistical problem. The new camp required a large on-site dining facility.

Rather than attempt construction of a second kitchen, food was prepared in the main Dining Hall and transported in portable food warmers to the Woodcraft Camp.

In their conception of the new facility, Bertram and Edwin rejected the canvas-and-screen cabins of the old camp (left). Though they had provided well for countless campers for five decades, they were labor intensive and had to be assembled and disassembled each year. Lester Heckle was given a mandate to design permanent structures that would stand the test of time. Heckle was in seventh heaven as he working on a new creation.

Having taken heart from the successful campaign to raise funds for the Chapel (1951) and the three buildings of the Gignilliat Quadrangle (1956-57), the administration began a campaign to raise the estimated \$1 million dollars required to complete the Woodcraft project. Among those contacted was Ralph Smith, a lumber magnate from Kansas City. He became the major enabler when he pledged \$250,000.

A prototype cabin was constructed at the main entrance to the old Woodcraft Camp. It was completely furnished and

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GOLF

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE GREEN

Putting starts with a properly installed grip

BY BRUCE REARICK
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION
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Last week we hosted the Pepsi Age Group Championship at the Indiana National Golf Club. There were 400 participants over two days competing against the best players of their age in the state.

Most enjoyable for me was to have the opportunity to discuss putting strategies with many of these good, young players. I literally spent all day on Friday working with competitors on their putting strokes.

We have reached a milestone of sorts at the United States Golf Academy at Swan Lake Resort as we have measured more than 12,000 putting strokes with our diagnostic technology. With this knowledge we are often asked about common errors in putting.

Without question, the most frequent problem observed at the Academy is the negative influence of a poorly installed putter grip with a flat surface. If the flat portion of the grip is not perpendicular to the putter face or at the very least does not match the player's perception of the target, any number of problems can occur.

Most golfers aim the putter visually. Sometimes they use a line on the putter and maybe even a line on



Bruce Rearick

the ball as visual references — or for many just the appearance of the face of the putter and their perception of direction. When the flat portion of the grip is off, the aim is often altered as the hand position twists the putter slightly as they re-address the putter after they grip the club. Most times this change is unnoticed by the player.

Even if the aim is unaffected by the grip, when the

putter swings, the position of the thumbs on a flat side of the grip often interferes with the natural rotation of the putter face as it opens and closes slightly during the stroke. Once the putter is in motion -- and if you have your thumbs on the flat portion of the grip — the thumbs want to go to a 12 o'clock position as you look down. If the flat portion of the grip does not correlate to the face angle of the putter, at impact the face will be open or closed to the aim position. At 12 feet an error of 1.5 degrees in face angle could cause a missed putt. All your work to aim is for naught.

The best way to see how a flat-sided grip affects your stroke is to experiment with a putter with a round grip. Without the flat reminder

on the grip, the hands are placed on the putter matching where the putter has been aimed visually. When the putter swings it does so without influence from the grip.

I am sure you will find a comparison of your stroke with a flat grip to a round quite educational and thought provoking. Give it a try!

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A taste of the Taste'

Scenes from last Saturday's third annual Taste of Culver festival, sponsored by the Culver Public Library and held on Main St. Top row, from left: Artist Gary Thorne decorates the face of Julie Bickel as friend Kim Irsa, already painted, looks on. Dawn Minas takes a break from serving customers at her Culver Coffee Co. tent to have a snack. Jennifer Luttrell of Culver shares her food with her children Sam, left, and Sarah. Rhonda Anderson of Culver checks out the fare with refreshment in hand to combat the warm sun. Bottom row, from left: Mark Damore, owner of the Original Root Beer Stand, prepares more hot dogs for customers. Three members of the festival's band, Half Pint Jones, ham it up onstage...from left, bassist Jayson Sites, guitarist Justin Ross, and sax player Chris Olivier.

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became a showpiece to demonstrate its features to campers and visitors during the 1962 season. In February of 1963, the six-ton cabin was towed east on Indiana 10 and onto the grounds of the new camp.

The trustees approved the construction of 60 cabins, a din-

ing hall, a headquarters building, a library, and a museum. They also placed their blessing on Heckle's recommendation for materials and design – vertical cedar boards from floor-to-window level, translucent plastic windows which swung out for ventilation and to allow breezes to enter, and what became the camp's trademark, a steeply pitched roof sheathed in thick cedar shakes.

Ground was broken during the summer of 1962 by Woodcraft Regimental Commander David Breech CMA '66 (left) while Superintendent Spivey and Director of the Summer Schools Admiral Bays supervised.

Throughout one of Culver's worst winters in memory, heavy equipment leveled cabin sites, hauled in gravel, poured concrete foundations, contoured the hills into walking paths and covered them with tons of tan bark (most of which washed out in the first big summer rain – but not before turning counselors' and campers' shoes, socks, and feet a deep shade of crimson). But they struggled to meet the most important deadline: Opening Day. As spring arrived, the big enemy became mud. Tractors and trucks rutted the landscape and Spivey joined with the trustees in insisting that damage be held to a minimum and schedules be kept.

For campers and counselors who had been part of the original Woodcraft Camp it was a bittersweet transition from the old to the new. Young camper Albert Paré CMA '67 wrote in the Vedette that alumni "watched with a saddened heart" as the camp was demolished. He noted, prophetically that some of these same alumni "may warm with enthusiasm this winter at Football Bonfires using the same wood."

As June drew closer, everyone heaved a sigh of relief when it appeared goals would be met and the Woodcraft Camp would ready for the 648 boys who were registered. In May, Spivey announced that the new facility would be dedicated on July 26-27 during the Summer School reunion weekend.

Camp officials went into

overdrive to ensure the weekend went without a hitch. Colonel M.A. Estey, the Woodcraft Camp director, anticipating a sizeable crowd for the event, forwarded a memo to all parents requesting that they not disrupt the traffic flow by blocking driveways and that they use the designated parking areas. Alas, the architects planned only a single driveway into the camp and ignored the need for an egress road. A huge traffic jam resulted and tempers flared as parents headed for dinner in town, the Culver Inn, or at the Three Sisters.

It was a wonderfully clear weekend as dignitaries and parents gathered for the official opening. The first promotion order announced that Steve Miller and Ron Rubin (rear row) and Ken Blaine and Bill Brennan (front row) had marched off with top honors.

The ever-proud Color Guard composed of J.E. and T.C. Everhard and Randy Smith and David Hoesel presented the National and Culver Flags with great pride, and the Drum and Bugle Corps, directed by Major K.E. Kurtz, prepared for another stellar presentation at the Garrison Parade. Not lost in the festivities was the presentation of "The Death of White Dog," directed by a Culver legend, "Chief" Myers, the director of Indian Lore, at the Saturday night Council Fire.

The site for the new camp was perfect. The open meadow in front of the Dining Hall and Headquarters Building surveyed a lovely vista to the west. The cabins, clustered in the woods on either side of the meadow, were shaded and provided comfortable venues for over six hundred boys. There was no shortage of land for expansion and facilities for a museum, hobby and craft shops, and an extensive Boy Scout camping area, were easily accommodated to the east. Safety concerns were satisfied by the tunnel under Indiana 117 that made the lake and its waterfront activities readily accessible to the campers.

As the Woodcraft Camp completes its 42nd year it's hard to understand how such a magnificent site escaped the Culver family for so many years. "Bud" Culver was right, "the perfect location was in our backyard!"

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Zimmerman will present Council Fire history July 26

Culver Academies Woodcraft camp Indian Lore Council Fire head "Chief" Dick Zimmerman will share his recollections of the history of the program's beloved summer-time Council Fire dances, held each Saturday night during camp, as part of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's July meeting.

Zimmerman, who has been with the Woodcraft program for over 50 years (more than 40 of them leading Council Fires), saw a number of changes and milestones in the Council Fire programs, including the creation of the set currently used in the popular program's council ring.

Culver's summer council fires have taken place since at least the 1930s, with the present format -- a dramatic performance with narrative and dances in authentic garb -- beginning in the 1940s.

Besides the history of the program itself, Zimmerman will share behind-the-scenes information on the various authentic Indian dances taught to and performed by campers through the years. Also on hand will be dance instructors to sample some of the steps and techniques used.

The event, free and open to the public, will take place Saturday, July 26, starting at 10 a.m., in the AHS' Center for Culver History,



Above: A 1945 Council Fire gathering.

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located in the historic Carnegie room of the Culver-Union Twp. Public library, 107 N. Main St. in downtown Culver.

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opened through this part of the state, and that only to such an extent as to make it passable by cutting down the trees and bushes along the line and bridging over the worst places with brush, poles and logs. The country through which the road ran at that time was for the most part thickly timbered, and all along was an abundance of wild game and fruits of all kinds, which the hunters of the little band brought into camp.... There were seldom any springs along the way and the water for drinking and cooking purposes was mostly from stagnant ponds and small streams which were not much better. Every night on the way they camped wherever darkness overtook them, slept in the wagons and under the trees, the cattle and horses browsing about the camp and resting from the day's toil as best they could. (67-68)

McDonald says that "the tired and worn-out caravan" arrived at the lake late on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 26. They camped at, roughly, the intersection of Queen Road and Highway 10, where a monument bearing some of the family names still stands. The first order of business was to notify Vincent Brownlee, one of the advance party who had remained behind, that the main body had arrived. A signal had been arranged before the leaders went south to pick up their families.

And this is the point that the Editor and I were thinking of. These settlers signalled to

Mr. Brownlee not with a good loud yodel, nor with a gun shot (which was, I think, what Brownlee used to respond), nor even with a biblical ram's horn. Here in the middle of the wilderness, hundreds of miles from the sea, the settlers signalled their arrival by blowing a conch shell. And, indeed, a conch-shell horn was used to signal the opening of old settlers' meetings for many decades thereafter. So if you hear, this weekend, some faint sound that reminds you of *Hawaii Five-O* or *The Lord of the Flies*, spare a thought for the weary band getting their first view of a Maxinkuckee sunset 172 years ago.

A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, *Rough Magicke*, and of *Falconry and Other Poems*.

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