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In Brief

Culver VBS to 'Surf' through Scriptures

"Surfin Through The Scriptures" is this year's Culver Community Vacation Bible School's theme. VBS will be held August 4 through August 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 S. Main St., Culver. It is sponsored by Culver Community Council of Churches, several Culver businesses, Grace United Church of Christ, and Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Won't you come surf with us?

Wesley preschool openings, open house

The Wesley United Methodist church preschool is still enrolling children for its 2008-2009 school year. There are four openings left for children in the junior class (child must be three years old by Aug. 1). The senior class is full at this time, but does have a waiting list. An open house for junior preschoolers is scheduled for Aug. 24, 2-3 p.m., and for senior preschoolers is scheduled for Aug. 24, 1-2 p.m. Those interested in registering may contact preschool director Jennifer Lutrell via 574-842-2900.

Culver co-ed softball

Culver co-ed slowpitch softball begins in August for players 16 and over. Estimated cost per person (\$15 indiv. or \$100 team) covers insurance and balls. Please contact Rich Vela to register or ask questions by Aug. 1, 574-933-1087.

Sidewalk days downtown Aug. 8 and 9

Culver's Sidewalk Days will take place over the second weekend in August, Aug. 8 and 9. Downtown businesses will feature sales events with a variety of bargains and finds for shoppers during business hours those two days.

Lions seek school supply donations

It's almost time for school to start, and the Culver Lions are again asking for help

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Everyone loves Lakefest...

...even Indiana governor Mitch Daniels (second from right, above), who visited the festival during the debut of the Culver fire dept's waterball tournament (photo above). Joining Daniels above are three members of Culver's town council, (from left) Ginny Munroe, Lynn Overmyer, and Sally Ricciardi. In spite of a damp start to the day Saturday, the 25th anniversary festival saw flocks of people, especially for its spectacular fireworks show Saturday night.

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Triathlon achievers

Culver's fourth annual Sprint Triathlon kicked off at Culver Academies July 13 and included a quarter-mile swim in Lake Maxinkuckee, a 12-mile bike ride around the lake, and a three-mile run on the school's cross country course. Pictured at right, sisters Kathleen Kline of Culver, right, and her sister, Susan Vinal, of Kensington, Maryland, were both participants in the event. Kline came in 19th of all female participants and Vinal 44th. Other Culver area participants included Nancy McKinnis, Julie Potter, Tim Yuhas, Chris Kline, Keith Krizman, Andy Dorrell, Jeff Potter and Tom Yuhas.

The Top three overall participants were Greg Mueller of South Bend, Kevin McCarthy of Chicago, and Steven Zimmerman of Indianapolis. Top three female participants were Mandy McCarthy of Chicago, Culver Girls Academy grad Alex Banfich of Plymouth, and Lindsey Laudeman of Bremen. Top three male participants were Greg Mueller of South Bend, Kevin McCarthy of Chicago, and Steven Zimmerman of Indianapolis.

Corn roast is on the way!

A beloved Culver tradition, the annual Lions Club corn roast (photos above of Lion Dan Adams, left, and attendee Craig Hopple at last year's event) will take place Sat., July 26 from 5 - 8 p.m. Cotton candy, drinks, hamburgers, and all the corn on the cob one can eat will be on hand. Across the street, the annual Culver Fireman's festival includes a host of games for children and adults, prizes, and a wide array of fun.

PHOTOS ABOVE/MIKE & CONNIE OVERMYER



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Culver Children's librarian to retire

Finances debated, other board news

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The pending retirement of the Culver Public Library's children's librarian was amongst matters discussed at the July 15 library board meeting. Library director Carol Jackson said she received a letter dated June 25 from Linda Thorne, head of the library's children's department. In the letter, which Jackson read out loud at the meeting, Thorne said she would retire as of Aug. 15 and added that she has "worked very hard to build an outreach program" to daycares, preschools, and other youth-oriented groups in the community, besides her work building children's programs within the library itself.

"The Culver Library is 100 percent better than when I arrived in 2007," Thorne's letter continued. Noting that Culver is a "cosmopolitan community," Thorne's letter suggested the library could move towards programming that represents that community. "In a couple more years, (the library) could be a fine example of what a small library can represent."

The letter criticized what Thorne felt were negative

comments, bad publicity, and misinformation about the library in the community, which she said cause people not to support the library. "Nothing positive is ever said in the community or the local newspaper" about the library, Thorne's letter added.

The board accepted Thorne's resignation "with very much regret," added board member Rita Lawson. Board president Ron Cole thanked Thorne for her service.

The board also introduced new board member Melanie Robertson, representing the Culver Community School board, to its ranks, a replacement for resigned library board member Phil Mallory.

Jackson announced an increase in the library's non-resident, or "summer card" fee from \$25 to \$40 for the summer. The card allows out-of-state residents summering in the Culver area to utilize the library without paying the full annual fee for a yearlong non-resident card. Jackson said the summer card fee is determined by averaging the \$160.69 non-resident fee over 12 months and multiplying the monthly cost by the three months of

summer.

Library staff member Alison Schultdt reported to the board on the results of the library's annual Taste of Culver, which took place the previous Saturday and included a total of eight area restaurants. Thanking the board for its support, Schultdt noted the monies generated were slightly less than last year, but added that morning rain delayed the start of the event, which was also one hour shorter than in previous years. Schultdt said the totals were "very, very good" and that most restaurants typically give 50 to 100 percent of their share of revenues to the library.

In response to a question from Saft, Jackson noted the money brought in from Taste of Culver goes into the library's general gift fund and that money taken in has been deposited in the bank. At Saft's request, Jackson also agreed to set up an account specifically for Taste of Culver.

Saft asked Jackson for amounts of revenue from the last three years' of Taste

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'A Great Ride'

Larry and Joan Bess retire after more than two decades at Culver Academies

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Ask Larry Bess to talk about his 25-year plus career at the Culver Academies, and he's likely to reply with enthusiasm about how lucky he's been to work there and how amazing is

the school. Ask his wife, Joan, about her career (of the same length) as the school's librarian, and she's likely to speak of the wonderful people she's worked with at the library and the astounding Huffington library in which she works ("Not too many high school librarians have this kind of stuff!" she says, in knowing understatement).



Joan and Larry Bess at an April retirement party thrown at Culver Academies by the Bess' children.

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pointed to the committee that worked out the design for the Huffington library, as unusual as it is for a librarian to be given such leeway in the content of her own future building, a testament to the school's re

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Class of '58 reunion

Pictured are members of Culver High School's class of 1958, who met in the town park for a reunion June 28. Front row, left to right: Eileen Overmyer Davis, Barbara Rust Watters, Elaine Jackson Sullins, Pat Singletary Szymczak, Janice Measles Hunt, Virginia 'Deegee' Reed Erner, Marsha Lindvall Banning, Suzanne Dawson Taylor, Virginia Peirsol. Second row: Watson White, Ellen Smith DeWitt, Beverly McGaffey Baker, Judy Onesti Marr, Lois Morrison Curtis, Annette Prosser Warner, Janet Lowery Overmyer, Betsy Pettis Kridner, Bob Taylor, Max Gibbons. Third row: John Schmidt, Jim Downs, John Decker, Russell Ulery, Budd Barnette, Tom Ott, Richard Large.

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guard for Joan's ability.

Both from Michigan, Larry and Joan Bess met and even dated in high school there, but the two weren't married until four years after Larry's graduation. By then, Larry was in the US Army, where he stayed for 20 years, acquiring his college degree at night school, as did Joan.

At an April retirement party organized by the Bess' four grown children (Ginny, Julie, Larry Jr., and Angela) and held at the Culver Academies, the Bess son and daughters waxed nostalgic about family pizza parties while mom and dad were off at classes; Joan says her mother helped with the children during those days.

After Larry's retirement from the Army in 1981, then-superintendent at Culver John Mars called him. "Our first trip here," recalls Joan, "we said, 'No, we don't want it. When we got home, (Mars) kept calling and said, 'Bring your children.' And they loved it! They saw the lake."

While Larry was preparing to interview for a position related to the school's tactical officer program, Mars met Joan, learned she had her Master's in library science, and hired her on the spot to work in the library. This was 1981, Joan says, when the late Bertha Jones was head librarian.

It wasn't long afterwards, however, that Mars' successor, Ralph Manuel, asked Larry to be the school's athletic director. "I didn't even know where the athletic director's office was!" chuckles Larry. "I had a Master's in management and human relations. But I used guys like (Culver High School's

late) John Nelson, Gene Snyder at Argos, and Dale Cox at LaVille. They were all so incredibly kind and mentored me, if you will. I did that for 13 years. John Nelson was like a father figure to me. He tried to teach me without interfering."

Besides developing programs to improve and advance both the intramurals programs and team sports at Culver, Larry was charged with improving relations with the public school in Culver. "I remember Kyle Elliott and Albert Hanselman as players," says Larry. "Now I see them as reputable teachers and as principal. I've watched the community school evolve."

Under Larry's leadership, the Academy added soccer and golf programs, attained more qualified teachers as coaches, enhanced its athletic facilities, supplies, and equipment, and focused more on developing better athletic programs for the growing girls' school.

Through all of this, for her part, Joan was "amazed to be in a library modeled after a castle in England!" (The Academy library at the time was housed in the Legion Memorial building).

After a "pretty serious heart attack" in May, 1994, Larry approached Dean Manuel and said he didn't feel he was recovering as fast as he'd like, and was there a different position with the school he could take. "Shortly thereafter (in 1997), he asked me about being director of admissions."

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Police blotter

Karla A. Finchum was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a valid driver's license on June 4.

Linda C. Houin was charged with public intoxication on June 6.

Jay Sivam, 18, was charged with knowingly consuming an alcoholic beverage as a minor on June 11.

Joshua J. Estok was charged with stealing Dilly bars from Dairy Queen; he was found with them in his pants on June 11.

Fina C. Shively, 20, of North Judson was issued a citation for disregarding a stop sign on June 10.

Chad Noah, 20, of North Judson was issued a citation for violation of park hours on June 18.

Lydia L. Young, 26, of Cambridge, MA, was issued a citation for a speeding violation on June 18.

Melissa A. Newcomb, 22, of North Liberty was issued a citation for a speeding violation on June 19.

Nathaniel L. Overmyer, 24, of Culver was issued a citation for a speeding violation on June 19.

Kelly E. Gordon, 19, was charged with knowingly consuming an alcoholic beverage as a minor on June 20.

Chantell G. Sitek, 20, of Knox was issued a citation for a speeding violation on June 20.

Mitch T. Beckmann, 21, of Plymouth was issued a citation for disregarding a stop sign on June 20.

Jose Espinoza, 26, of Warsaw was issued a citation for a speeding violation on June 21.

Kevin M. Rheude, 23, of Goodland, IN was issued a citation for a speeding violation on June 21.

After five or six years in that position, Larry took on the job of associate director; both positions suited his unbridled enthusiasm for what the school can offer students and parents, and he says he enjoyed working directly with families and kids. "I enjoyed that a lot," he smiles. "I've had 20 years in the military and 27 years here. I can't think of any way my life could have been happier, professionally, these last 27 yrs. It's been a great ride."

Meanwhile, Joan took the mantle of head librarian when Bertha Jones retired in 1991, and was soon at work on the new building alongside five members of the school's board of trustees who worked with the architects and Michael Huffington, who she says "wanted a building (that) looked like it had been here 100 years, but would be modern. He understands a lot about architecture and art."

"I think Joan was asked to be involved because the senior trustees felt she would input in a mature, wise manner what was best for the youngsters," notes Larry. "She would be looking out for the students, and she did. That's one of the reasons library turned out to be as student friendly as it is."

The result? A library building that is breathtaking to first-time visitors, with its marble floors, massive concrete columns, and stunning view of Lake Maxinkuckee as a backdrop to student study areas. Joan's memories of the move from the old to the new library building are representative of the organization and community effort the school can produce. "Students came two units at a time," she says, still sounding awed at the enormity and efficiency of the effort. "We took all the books in one day! I bought one book called 'How to Move a Library!'"

"I feel privileged because we had the support of the administration, the board of trustees, and the alumni. Every book has a bookplate all the way back to the 1920s because of money given specifically for library resources (and) our school is very good about professional development, so (the staff has) been able to go to conferences and be up on the latest."

"I will miss the students most, and the staff," Joan continues. "We have a wonderful library staff. I couldn't ask for better working conditions; they make my job very easy. And I love working with the students. The multi-cultural dimension, I think, is fantastic. That makes it so special."

What they'll both miss, they emphasize, is the relationships, which "exist, not just between students and mentors, but teachers and coaches," says Larry wistfully. "It's all about the students; they come first. (The) memories and history over the past 27 years having to do with students is personal and it's beyond a doubt the most meaningful."

When the time came for Larry to retire, Joan originally planned to stay on a month or two longer, but says Larry, she said, "Let's go out together, dear."

"I was jealous that you'd be home!" quips Joan.

"Joan and I have been wholly involved (in the school) since day one," says Larry. "That's the thing that will be so difficult (about retiring). Are we ready to do it? Absolutely, but there's a side of me that won't be as fulfilled as I was before."

The two plan to continue living in Culver and hope to spend more time with their grandchildren. The Besses — all of them — are avid golfers, a hobby that will receive more attention now. Both enjoy gardening, and Joan hopes to get a chance to read some of those books she's overseen at the library. Larry is famous for his cookies and hints that "certain departments (at the Academy) can expect a gift of cookies now and then!"



Co-workers and fellow Huffington library ladies read an affectionate tribute to Joan Bess in the form of a "fairy tale" version of her career at Culver. Part of a celebration of the Besses held earlier this year at the school. Left to right: Lisa Barenie, Judy Rochford, Vicki Crossley (seated).

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Reunion - Master

The 29th Master reunion was held June 22, 2008 at Monterey Town Park with 63 members present. Games were enjoyed by the children and visiting by the adults.

Chad Master gave the blessing. Karl Master was the oldest man and June Master was the oldest lady. Ethan Sandifer, son of Jessica and Josh Sandifer, was the youngest. Jeffrey and Sherrie Hunneshagen and family traveled the greatest distance from Ohio. Prizes were given to the oldest, youngest and the ones coming from the greatest distance.

During the year there were four births: Benjamin Jude Lancaster, son of Troy and Kathleen Lancaster, grandson of Danya Lynn Master of California, great-grandson of Karl and June Master; Treyton Robert Rigsby, son of Michelle and Phillip Rigsby of Kokomo, grandson of

Wayne and Barb Master, great-grandson of the late Phil and Helen Master; Ethan Christopher Sandifer, son of Jessica and Josh Sandifer, grandson of Darla Dilmire and Randy Jett, great-grandson of Karl and June Master; Kambrya Star Marini, daughter of Breanna June and Roger Marini, granddaughter of Judi Master Rinehart, great-granddaughter of Karl and June Master.

There were three marriages: Andrea Marie Good, daughter of Robert and Carla Good, granddaughter of Pauline and Lorin Good, was married to Bradley Andrew Powell; Shelly Kay Master, daughter of Don Master, granddaughter of Phil and Helen Master, was married to Craig Schrimsher; Jessica Jett, daughter of Darla Dilmire and Randy Jett, granddaughter of Karl and June Master, was married to Joshua Thomas Sandifer.

There was one death reported: Mary Jacqueline Master, widow of Rudy Master.

Co-chairpersons for next year are Judi Master Rinehart, Carol Ann Barnett and Kerry Master. Next year's reunion will be June 28, 2009 at Monterey Town Park with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Death notice - Myers

Alice C. Myers, 99, of Culver, passed away at 5:50AM on July 12, 2008 in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Alice was born on April 25, 1909 in Kewanna, IN, one of 8 children born to Daniel and Sarah Jane (Donaldson) Kopp. She attended and graduated from the Kewanna School system. Daniel was the owner of the hardware store in Kewanna.

She is survived by her children - JoAnn (James) Walsh of Culver and Robert (Kathie) Myers of Elkhart, 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Myers, parents, sisters - Helena White and Katharine Orr and 2 other sisters, and 3 brothers. A mass of Christian burial was held on Tues., July 15 at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver where friends shared memories with the family one hour before the service at the church.

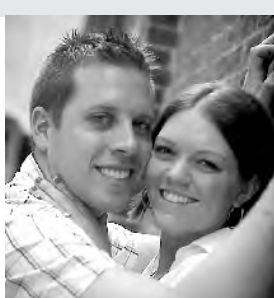
Father Glenn Kohrman officiated the service. Burial followed in the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna, Ind.

Memorials may be given in Alice's memory to St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page of www.bonineodom.com.

Engagement - Federer, Elmore

Brian Federer Nicole Elmore announce their be married Sept. Thomas Aquichurch, West



The future daughter of Bill Elmore of Roch-2002 graduate of School. She is secretary at Pur-

in the Department of History.

The future groom is the son of Carl and Rusty Federer of Francesville. He is a 2001 graduate of West Central High School. He also graduated with a bachelor's degree in 2003 from Ivy Tech, Lafayette. He works as a mechanic at Brad's Motor Marketplace.

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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 24: Chopped steak w/gravy, bread &butter, lima beans, mashed potatoes, apple juice, dessert, and milk.

Friday, July 25: Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, biscuit and country gravy, hash brown, orange juice, fruit cup, and milk.

Monday, July 28: Hamburger w/ cheese & onion, potato salad, cauliflower and broccoli, applesauce, bun, and milk.

Tuesday, July 29: Riblette w/BBQ sauce, bun, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, fruit salad, cookie, and milk.

Wednesday, July 30: Salisbury steak, carrots, broccoli, bread and margarine, strawberries, milk.

Thursday, July 31: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread & margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Obituary

Harold Ray Kenney Jan. 1, 1926-July 17, 2008



Culver, Indiana. Harold Ray Kenney, 82, died Thursday morning, July 17, 2008 at the Golden Living Center, Knox, Indiana, following an extended illness.

He was born in 1926 in Nicholas County, Kentucky, to Bruce and Myrtle Estelle (Jones) Kenney. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Dick (Jean) Kenney, Robert (Gladys) Kenney, and Jay (Elsie) Kenney; sisters Estelle B. (Strawder) Feeback, Ruby Morris, Lois (Bill) Ritchie, Sue (Bill) Matsey, Marguerite (J. W.) Ecton, and twin sister Fay (Howard) Bramel.

His wife, Marizetta (Robinson) Kenney survives; also daughter Alethea Kenney and her husband David Bainbridge of Shevlin, Minnesota; son Jeffrey and Elizabeth (McCormick) Kenney and four grandchildren Cecilia, Peter, Esme and Felicity Kenney of Culver.

Ray was a deacon of the Culver Bible Church, and later a member of the Community Bible Fellowship. He enjoyed gospel and country-western music. Ray retired from Astro-Valcour in 1992, was an avid gardener and enjoyed working on cars. He loved baseball and basketball. He enjoyed being with his grandchildren, although he could no longer take long walks through Culver, as he had with his children.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 20, at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. There will be a private burial service at the Culver Masonic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Culver-Union Twp.EMS Volunteers or the Starke Memorial Home Health and Hospice Care.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Corrections and revisions

Mike Maddox of Culver contacted the Citizen after our special Lakefest insert earlier in July neglected to mention that it was he, not Kevin Bonine, who was the original mastermind behind the longstanding Burnout Contest at Culver's Lakefest each year. A noted local connoisseur of hot rods, engines, and the like, Maddox was even written up in Hot Rod magazine some years back regarding the contest. The Citizen regrets the error.

As is obvious to readers by now, last week's paper featured an article previewing the Maxinkuckee Players' latest production, "Fiddler on the Roof," whose headline said the play opened that weekend (July 18) instead of this current weekend, as is the case.

Birth - Coiner

Jim and Michelle Coiner of Rochester announce the birth of a daughter born June 8, 2008 at 2:56 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Sarah Elizabeth Coiner weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by Wyatt, 7, and Logan, 3.

Maternal grandmother is Sandy Murphy of San Pierre. Paternal grandfather is James Coiner Sr. of Rochester.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, July 24

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Fred Karst, Antiquarian & Hist. Soc., Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Friday, July 25

Maxinkuckee Players' "Fiddler on the Roof," 7 p.m., Culver High School auditorium

Saturday, July 26

Dick Zimmerman: Council Fire history (Antiquarian & Historical Society program), 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Sunfish Regatta, 10 a.m., launches from John Zeglis cottage
Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel
Woodcraft Camp Council fire dance, 9 p.m., Culver Academies

Sunday, July 27

Gold Star ceremony, Culver Academies Woodcraft camp
Woodcraft camp band concert, 2 - 3 p.m., Eppley Auditorium
Maxinkuckee Players' "Fiddler on the Roof," 4 p.m., Culver High School auditorium
Garrison parade, 8 p.m., Culver Academies parade field

Monday, July 28

Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver redevelopment commission, 4 p.m., town hall
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Tuesday, July 29

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Yoga, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace UCC church
Plan commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

Wednesday, July 30

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
"The Jungle Book," Woodcraft camp play, 8 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

Maxinkuckee Players' "Fiddler on the Roof," 7 p.m., Culver High School auditorium

Thursday, July 31

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Dick Dugger, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Birth - Kuskye

Sadie and Richard C. Kuskye III of Plymouth announce the birth of a son born May 31, 2008 at 12:12 p.m. at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto, Calif.

Richard Carl Kuskye IV weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Connie Chase of Oakdale, Calif. and Andrew Cravalho of San Francisco, Calif. Paternal grandparents are Sandra Baumann of South Bend and Richard C. Kuskye II of Plymouth.

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Train your children at Culver's VBS

As we are driving down the street we see signs "Children Playing. We tell our children how to protect themselves if someone tries to abduct them. We are careful when children get on school buses. We watch for children riding bicycles. When we take them swimming, we make sure there is a lifeguard on duty or they have a partner to watch for them. We want to protect our children!

Parents! How are we looking out for our children in their spiritual lives? We have the responsibility to train them to protect them from harm all through life. Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Starting August 4th through the 8th, we will be having Culver Community Vacation Bible School, so we can train our children. This year it will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. We will meet each evening from 6 - 8 p.m. We will have activities for children pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

This year's V.B.S. theme is "Surfin' through the Scriptures." We will teach them how to be a better person, how to love Jesus, and how to love each other. They will do this by learning bible verses, singing, listening to Bible stories games, and crafts.

Parents, won't you send your children. Children, ask your parents if you can come!

Culver Community Vacation Bible School is sponsored by Culver Community Council Of Churches, Culver Business, Grace United Church Of Christ, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and concerned people. If you wish to donate to this important work, send it to: Culver Community Vacation Bible School, 17 Venetian Village, Culver, IN, 46511.

We are looking forward to a great Vacation Bible School, but we can't teach your children, unless they come. So please have them there on August 4 - 8 at 6 p.m. at 401 S. Main St. in Culver.

All of the children will be glad they came. Parents, we urge you to attend the program at 6:00 P.M. on Friday August 8.

Come and surf with us!

Ron Lewellen is pastor of Emmanuel United Methodist Church



Pastor's Corner

By Ron Lewellen
Emmanuel United
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Father's Day, belated

I usually try not to make these columns *too* personal, but this is a piece I thought of writing around Father's Day this past June, and for some series of reasons that I can't recall, I never did. I wish I had. It would have been nice to read it to my dad, who passed away this past week. But hopefully he wouldn't have needed to read it, since he was there for it all.

In the spirit of various Culver traditions, places, etc., in the summer that were meaningful to me growing up here, my dad and his interaction with my sister and me -- especially as younger children, when his health was its best -- rank right up there in the good memories department.

I shouldn't limit this to summer memories, actually, because of course dad's interaction with us was year-round, but summer sticks in my mind in particular. After all, there was swimming. While he rarely swam with us, my father dutifully took us, after work and supper, down to the park and sat placidly on a bench while my sister Alethea and I swam to our heart's content.

Possibly my fondest outdoor memories of him are our walks on the old railroad tracks. This was when there still were complete, intact tracks with all the trimmings, and I had a great time picking up old railroad spikes and other memorabilia (wish I'd kept it all!), and sometimes would give myself chills imagining if some roaring freight train came down the tracks without warning, before we could escape. Just the romance of a train on those old tracks was exciting; it could, in theory, happen. The tracks were still functional as far as I could tell, even if my father and sister insisted the railroad had abandoned them years ago.

I distinctly recall us crossing the railroad bridge over the lake outlet on West Shore Drive: the ties seemed a mile apart, with nothing but air in between and a seemingly endless drop beneath as I leaped from one tie to the next (as an adult, I see the drop was only at most three feet!).

In fact, even before I, at least, could walk well, dad was pulling us in our little red wagon through the Indian trails (even up and down that deadly hill on



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

the Academy side, poor man). I recall a series of tree roots littering the sidewalk just east of the Indian trail in those days, in front of the little motels, which we pretended were railroad tracks we crossed as if on a highway.

Occasionally my father would take us, on a whim, inside the fire station, whose front door was oddly unlocked. We would beg him to do so, just so we could look at and touch the fire trucks, which was great excitement to us then of course. One day, a fireman was inside and put us on the seats of the truck, giving us the grand tour...he also quietly informed dad that they'd prefer people not just wander into the station, which I recall remained locked after that visit!

Sometimes my sister would get me wide-eyed by asking dad if we could go on a "bobcat hunt." I pictured, for some reason, Tony the Tiger as the object of our neighborhood safari, but what she really meant was feral stray cats, which I assume she aimed to tame. When we actually discovered a litter of kittens under the neighbor's shed and Alethea and I begged dad to fish out a kitten, his hand emerged a scratched-up mess, which he thankfully found pretty comical instead of terribly annoying.

And in truth, my dad was eternally gentle, perhaps even when he should have given us a sound thrashing. He rarely raised his voice and virtually never disciplined us with force.

I still own copies of the books he read us before bed, like the original Berenstain Bears series, Dr. Suess, and the like.

I recall going through a phase of not wanting to sleep alone around seven or eight years old, and many were the nights I crawled into bed next to him. He never seemed to mind, and I hope it made him feel as appreciated as it would me with my own son.

Of course, as I got older (and so did he), our shared activities changed. For years, I thought he must have been tortured by my asking him to take me to comic book shops or other out-of-town excursions, and it wasn't until he passed away that my mother said something about him enjoying those trips.

As a parent now, it all makes sense, though *only* now for some reason. When I think about all the hours we logged together when I was 9, 10, 11 years old and older -- whether it was jonts to places I requested, or delivering papers on my newspaper route together in bad weather or good -- I can only hope my own son will spend as much time with me when he's that age, as I did with my dad.

We went through some rocky years when I was a teenager, as happens to people (wasn't it Twain who said he was amazed to see how much his father had learned after Twain himself outgrew being a teenager?), but particularly once my own children came into his life and he became "Grandpa Kenney," things were good, as also happens to people.

I don't know that I ever really sat down and thanked him for all the things he did for me -- for us -- or at least not until the day before he died, and by then he couldn't answer, if he did hear.

Some weeks back, walking in the sunshine with him in his wheelchair outside the nursing home, I asked him if he remembered pulling us in the wagon, walking the old railroad tracks and the like. I don't remember his answer. If he didn't remember all that by then, it would have been no surprise. His memory and mind were playing lots of tricks on him towards the end.

I do recall that he was quiet for a moment and then said, "You know, you and me ought to get together like this more often."

I'd like to think we both were saying what we needed to say then, even if we didn't say it all, and that we both understood what was meant. I'd like to think none of it *needed* to be said anyway; that we already knew. And, even if I did't get to read this column out loud to him, which I regret, I never the less believe he knows what's in it, and then some.

Nostalgia

75 years ago july 19, 1933

- Culver Academy's corps -- Woodcrafters, Troopers, and Middies -- will leave July 31 to see the World's Fair in Chicago's "A Century of Progress." A special Pennsylvania train will transport the boys to Chicago, where a three-mile march to Union station and then transport to the fairgrounds will follow.
- If any member of the town board doubts that Culver needs a modern sewer system, drainage from the sewer outlet on Washington Street into Lake Maxinkuckee ought to change his mind. Draining into the clear waters of the lake is soapy wash water, discolored water, and solid matter that indicates this is more than a rainwater runoff sewer. A repulsive slime can be seen clinging to the bottom and the shore, making it unfit for bathing and obnoxious for boating. Hundreds of vile cesspools honeycomb the underground beneath the town, yet the council has not seen fit to take action to correct the situation.

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- The largest waves seen on Lake Maxinkuckee (according to the oldest lakesman) claimed the life of Mrs. Luella C. Miller, 52, when a sudden windstorm hit the area creating six to 10 foot waves and turning over at least 10 fishing boats. Mrs. Miller, of Rochester, was in a boat on the southeast corner with husband and two sons when their boat was overturned. She died of a heart attack after going under at least once.
- A driverless automobile parked in front of the Ivan Walker home rolled down the street several blocks on Friday, crossed Lake Shore Dr., and crashed into the Bell Telephone Co. without serious damage (*Editor's note: the Bell Telephone Co. in those days was located at the corner of Lake Shore and Lakeview St., I believe. Please advise if this is incorrect.*)

50 years ago July 23, 1958

- A violent and drunken man, abusive to the nth degree, terrorized downtown Culver Sat. night about 11:30. Before his alcoholic spree ended in the Marshall Co. jail, the Argos resident and father of five small children had allegedly threatened to kill Howard Porcher, operator of the Frosty Creme refreshment stand across from the town park; and town night marshal Don Grothaus, on patrol. The culprit was Mart C. Patton, age 38, a complacent hitchhiker. In a matter of minutes, nearly 30 law enforcement officers -- including the county sherriff and state police officers -- arrested Patton at the corner of State Rd. 10 and School St.
- The Grill, across S. Main St. from Culver Clothiers,

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always has the best food in town. The Grill is operated by "the two sisters," Mildred and Marcella, and specializes in steaks and chops.

- Groceries, beverages, ice cubes, and Sinclair gasoline and oil are available at the R & J Food Market on Maxinkuckee Landing. Phone Viking 2-2608.
- "Down to earth prices" and Lees carpeting can be found at Joe Boetsma & Sons, 113 W. Mill St., Culver. Phone Viking 2-2626.

25 years ago July 20, 1983

- Chester Gut of Fleet Parkway, Culver, has been named to the Culver Plan Commission by the town board. Mr. Gut, along with wife Shirley and two children, has lived in Culver since 1976. He is production superintendent at McGill's.
- Come aboard with the Maxinkuckee Players' production of "Show Boat!" starring Glenn Patton as Capt. Andy. Performances start this Friday night.
- Bring the entire family to the annual Lions Club corn roast and Firemen's festival. Weekend festivities include the Welcome Wagon Club yard sale held Friday on the Touch of Class lawn; the music of Bob Measles Friday evening at Bob's Marathon station; merchant sidewalk sale Friday and Saturday; Semi-precious stones belly dancers (back by popular demand) Sat. morning; Wesley church lawn sale Sat. morning; corn roast and Firemen's fest Sat. evening; CMA Summer School band contest aboard the Fowler in front of Culver Inn (will perform in front of town park Sun. evening).

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Culver girls' softball team debuts in style

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For the first time in many years, this summer's sports season included a girls' softball team in Culver. A branch of the boys' little league, the team came about when Culver's base-

ball board – headed by Francis Ellert – decided it was time, says team coach (and Culver Elementary school teacher) Lisa Moise.

So the team was organized in conjunction with similar teams from Argos and Fulton, and Moise, who had indicated a willingness to help coach on her daughter's softball signup



Above: Culver's girls' softball team. Front row, left to right: Lindsey Proskey, Shea Ruhly, Sarah Morrison, Rebecca Christlieb, Deanna Lewis, Grace Fleury, Tracey Lindvall. Second row: Nora Kline, Courtney Salyer, Mandy Morrison, Jenna Moise, Sydney Pritz, Meagan Brady, Maria Lindvall, Brooke Ditmire. Back row: Coach Lisa Moise, Coach Melissa Christlieb, Sponsor Bryce Lindvall. Below: Pitcher Sydney Pritz winds up.

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form, was asked to be head coach. Melissa Christlieb and Moise's husband Bill are assistant coaches, with aid from Steve Pritz, and Lindvall Electric as team sponsor.

The team is comprised of girls aged seven to 10 years and garnered a solid turnout of 15 girls in time for the early June season opening. The season is over now, with – as of this writing -- the girls at 5-4, having played nine games.

Moise points out the fact that Argos and Fulton have had teams for some time, making the Culver girls' record all the more im-

proud of them. They've come a long way."

Moise recalls highlights such as a home game against Fulton in which the team was "just hitting everything that came across the plate!"

Maria Lindvall, says Moise, caught a line drive at third base during that game, and as a batter has gone nine for her last nine games. Moise praises Sydney Pritz and Jenna Moise for a "wonderful job" as pitchers, and Brooke Ditmire for earning the team's second highest batting average.

"We had tremendous parent support," adds Bill Moise. "And the girls had a good time. Every game, just about every girl was there, practices and everything."

"(Parents) Carrie Pritz and Amy Ditmire deserve special thanks," Lisa Moise points out. "They have been out there with the girls. The attendance is amazing."

After this year's success, coaches say they hope next year to have two teams in this younger age bracket. "We're definitely looking forward to next season, to see if we can get more girls out here," Moise says.

If the team's debut year is any indication, most likely that will be no problem.

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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 Dr., Culver, IN 46511.

Public Records reminder from town

The town of Culver reminds the public that requests for public records may be made at the town hall via the town clerk's office, located at 200 E. Washington St. in Culver; phone is 574-842-3140.

Sunfish Regatta scheduled July 26

The sixth annual Lake Maxinkuckee Sunfish Regatta will take place July 26. Hosted at the John Zeglis cottage at 1614 East Shore Drive on Maxinkuckee's shores, the regatta launches from the Zeglis pier with registration starting at 10 a.m., a skipper's meeting at 10:30 a.m., and the race kickoff between 10:45 and 11 a.m.

The Sunfish Regatta concludes with a traditional candy toss for the youth in attendance, wrapping everything up by 2 p.m.

More information may be obtained by e-mailing John Zeglis at john@zeglis.com.

Plan Commission

volunteer sought

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for the Culver Plan Commission with a term ending on 12/31/11. Interested parties must send a letter of interest to the Culver Town Hall, 200 E. Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511. This volunteer position must be a democrat, town resident and 18 years of age and is appointed by the Town Council President. The Plan Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month. This is a nine member board and is politically balanced. Please address any questions to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

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. Aug. 8: Paper Craft (design cards, bookmarks, and a journal).

All classes have a requirement of five students and a maximum of 10-12; every class 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. Please call 574-842.2145 for more information.

SR 110 closed

State Road 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.

Citizen cell phone

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

Culver native creates tool for homeschoolers nationwide

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For 1993 Culver High School graduate Andy Huhn, creating a networking and web design tool for the Indiana Association of Home Educators (IHE) was a way to marry his proficiency with computer technology with his strong belief in home schooling – and hopefully to help others in so doing.

Huhn, son of longtime Culver Bible Church pastor Dan Huhn, began working for a large pharmaceutical company in Indianapolis in 2004, six years after graduating from Grace College in Winona, Ind. He and wife Susan now live in Greenfield with their 16 month old son, Joshua. And, while Joshua's presence in his life certainly compelled him to examine home schooling all the more closely, it was actually his first post-college job that brought that form of education – increasing in popularity across the nation – to the fore for Andy Huhn. "I worked for a home schooling dad who was working from his home and employing two of us full-time," Huhn explains. "I was drawn to the way he was able to work with his kids, and they could see him working. He could teach them about academics, life, and character all at the same time."

Huhn says the church he attends has a great many families that home school, and "I really like what I see in the kids that come out of that. The families are close-knit, and for a Christian, (homeschooling) parents have the ability to build into their kids the love of God and obedience...I get excited about being able to build that into our kids."

Huhn says IHE has 16 regions that cover Indiana, the regional representative for his area being a member of the Huhns' church. He was looking for a project idea, he says, relating to web development skills and she needed a site created for her region. "I started realizing that the same needs her region has, other groups in Indiana and other states have the same needs."

The resultant website, at www.hslt-online.com, is meant to be what a "tekkie" might term an applied service provider,

he says, providing a networking and web service to different homeschooling organizations in different states in order to make it easy for each organization to have a customized website of its own. "I've seen a few states that it looks like they built the same functionality from scratch, and that's very expensive," Huhn notes. "I'm trying to make it easy for (homeschooling organizations) to build (websites), but it looks like their very own website, without them knowing any html or technical stuff."

Besides helping groups across the nation create custom sites for themselves, the website also makes it easy to search for support groups, co-ops, and other organizations by zip code, Huhn explains.

Right now, he says, the site is primarily homeschooling support groups and co-ops, but shortly there will be extracurricular activities like sports teams, music groups, and art clubs for homeschoolers listed. He adds that he doesn't provide the data, but the system that allows data to be added, as a kind of clearing house and networking tool for homeschoolers nationwide.



Culver high school grad Andy Huhn, right, has designed an online networking and site-building device for homeschoolers – like he and wife Susan, left, and young Joshua – nationwide.

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events; Jackson said a 2006 computer crash caused the loss of totals from that year's event. Nyby noted the board minutes showed a total of \$4,000 in receipts from the event, but that number doesn't reflect the final amount after participating restaurants took their share. Saft said she attended the event and it was "lots of fun," and praised Schuldt and the library staff for their hard work at the event.

Board president Ron Cole announced a July 22 special meeting with an accountant from Umbaugh in Plymouth, to discuss the possibility of an independent audit of library finances. Cole emphasized that the meeting is "just an introductory" one.

Board member Carol Saft asked that several items from the previous meeting be added to the board minutes as presented, including Saft's request that the library not spend money for new furniture in its children's room "until the (accounting) books are ok."

Lawson interjected that the library's books "are fine," prompting a disagreement between the two on the matter. Saft also asked that last month's discussion of contacting independent accountants to review library finances and discussion of the library's upcoming budget also be added to the minutes.

Reviewing the library's treasurer's report, board member Alfred Nyby discussed with library accountant Jim Faulkner the transfer of funds within library accounts for payment of the library's loan bond. Faulkner said he is working with the library's bookkeeping software vendor to discern the correct payment procedure to use.

The board also authorized a resolution to transfer monies

between funds in order to make its regular loan payment. Jackson noted that the June property tax draw was late, leaving a gap in funds in the debt services account.

The board tabled discussion of a quote for \$13,343.13 for new furniture for the children's area.

Jackson said that, due to a change in the Dept. of Local Govt. and Finance's annual scheduling, the library missed a deadline with that agency, which subsequently denied the library's proposed budget. A change in waiting period between and after public advertising of the budget, said Jackson, caused the problem, which can be corrected by advertising again, waiting the proper period, holding a public hearing, and adopting the budget.

Jackson also updated the board on building improvements such as power washing, ballast and bulb replacement, and window caulking.

Audience member Connie Van Horn asked the board if it has appointed a treasurer to replace former board member Rebecca Church. The board discussed appointing bookkeeper Jim Faulkner, who expressed uncertainty whether he would agree an appointment as treasurer. Cole currently signs checks written by the library.

Attending the meeting was former Culver library interim director Larry Cunningham, who served during summer, 2006, between the departure of past director Scott Pletka and Jackson's hiring. Nyby asked Faulkner and Cunningham to share their evaluation of the state of the library's finances with the audience, with Cunningham noting he estimates the library to end the year with an operating balance of around \$48,000.

"Many libraries in June ended with a zero operating balance," said Cunningham, adding Pulaski and Fulton County still haven't received property tax bills. "When that (property tax) money comes in, I think you'll be in a well environment. All (the library's recent) major expenditures have been through (the Library Improvement Reserve Fund), which is money built up for improvements to the building and the property."

"Our concern is with the operating fund (rather than LIRF)," said Nyby, with Cunningham replying that the fund is "alright."

An exchange ensued between Nyby and Cunningham involving Nyby's assertion that the library's spending higher than monies received in the last three years had increased into six figures by the end of 2007. Cunningham insisted that the state won't allow libraries to spend over budget, with Nyby reporting that a representative of the state's DLGF told him that agency "will let us spend ourselves to zero."

Asked by Nyby, Faulkner also acknowledged he had wondered if library funding of late had matched expectations.

Measures to cut spending were discussed by Jackson and Nyby, ranging from cutting back on book and media purchases, to shortening hours and cutting staff. Nyby suggested an immediate freeze in hiring and reduction in purchasing until books are straightened out.

Cunningham added a compliment to the library building and "excellent staff, who are working as a team. I think they ought to be praised."

Dixie Crozier made Maxinkuckee lake cottages into 'home' for others and herself

By Pam Buchanan

In the early 1930's Ola "Dixie" Crozier moved to Culver from Jackson, Tenn. and found a job caring for a paraplegic.

She married Denver, a young man who worked at the Culver Military Academy as a waiter. They had two daughters, Marsha and Pamela. Her cooking skills were soon discovered by the Shirk family, who lived on the East Shore of the lake in a big yellow cottage. Mr. Shirk was a big game hunter and adorned the walls of the cottage with busts of moose, bear and deer. Later, the Robert Robinson family purchased the cottage and brought their four children and over twenty grandchildren every summer to the lake. It was then that Dixie's talent for cooking turned into a career. She kept very busy keeping the Robinson family fed.

Dixie also did catering for several other lake

shore families: the Coolings, Roecaps, Howells and Perrys to name a few. She loved the lake and the residents and this would be her home for many years. When the lake shore residents were gone for the winter Dixie kept busy cooking for some of the military academy residents. General Spivey, superintendent of the academy, Admiral Bays and Colonel Rosow were a few. She referred to them as "V.I.P.s."

Dixie also volunteered her time on Sunday mornings cooking breakfast for the cadets who attended Saint Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church. She still reminisces about Father Lenk and the parishioners.

There were bridge parties

teen years. Denver died in 1993 after working for Studebaker and Essex Wire.

Dixie now lives in Mishawaka, Ind. She volunteered at Saint Joseph's Medical Center for years after retiring and is a member of the Christ Child Society. Her daughters Marsha Crozier and Pamela Buchanan live nearby.

Dixie spends her day watching the cooking network and other informational shows on television. She still enjoys cooking and baking.

Her love of Culver lives on as she recalls memories of "home."



Snapshots from a Culver life...

Above: the Shirk cottage, Dixie Crozier's introduction to the Lake Maxinkuckee community. Left: Crozier in Aug., 1966 with Gen. Delmar T. Spivey, then-superintendent of Culver Academy. Bottom: A recent photo of Crozier, middle, with daughters Pamela Buchanan (left) and Marsha Crozier, near the former Bob and Thelma Hodges property in Culver.

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and dinners with the local residents. Edna Hampton, Lela and Charles Dickerson, Bob and Thelma Hodges, Rose and Chauncey Simmons, Harold and Juanita Scott, Agnes and Emerson Cabell, Bob and Thelma Hodges, Charles and Adeline Weaver and Alex Joplin. All of them are gone now, but they are forever in her memories as the best time of her life.

Denver and Dixie lived in Culver for more than thirty years before moving to South Bend. Dixie became a certified technician at Memorial Hospital and retired after fif-

Life insurance scheme law now in effect

Charbonneau draws praise from state leaders and insurance agency

(STATEHOUSE) — Indiana is the third state to prohibit stranger-originated life insurance policies (STOLIs) after a law Sen. Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso) helped champion through the Senate took effect July 1.

Charbonneau said the new law is designed to protect consumers — potentially senior citizens — from becoming prey to investors offering one-time cash payments in exchange for being named the beneficiary on their life insurance policy.

"STOLIs have a lot of hidden dangers," Charbonneau said. "People who invest in STOLIs also have hidden agendas since they are waiting for someone to die. This new law aims to protect consumers and prevent investors from wagering on human life and profiting from the death of the insured."

According to Charbonneau, STOLI transactions are initiated by investors who approach senior citizens and ask them to take out life insurance policies in their own names specifically to sell the death benefits. Seniors who consent to the transaction receive a one-time cash payment and the investors agree to finance the premiums in hopes of profiting from the life insurance policy by being named the beneficiary. When the senior dies, the investor collects the death benefits. Beneficiaries sometimes sell the benefits to a third party and costly fees usually accompany the taxable transaction.

"Thanks to this legislation, STOLIs is now an unlawful practice across Indiana," Charbonneau said.

This new law is drawing praise from both Gov. Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Department of Insurance.

"Our state was one of the first in the nation to act on this issue and to pass such a critical consumer protection measure," Daniels said.

Jim Atterholt, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance, named Charbonneau "Honorary Insurance Commissioner" in recognition of his legislative efforts to protect senior citizens and Hoosier insurance consumers.

"Senator Charbonneau made a special contribution for the betterment of the insurance industry and truly deserves recognition for his work to protect the integrity of life insurance and policy holders," Atterholt said. "I congratulate him and the non-partisan efforts by Indiana lawmakers for taking a stand against such abusive practices."

Sen. Charbonneau represents Senate District 5, which includes Starke County and portions of Porter, LaPorte, Marshall, Jasper, Pulaski, and St. Joseph counties.



Lakefest in review...

Top row, from left: almost as noticeable as the floats themselves were a 'parade' of umbrellas lining the wet streets during Sat. morning's parade, which was marked by intermittent showers; brave viewers and parade entrants were undaunted.

Right: Heather Overmyer was the lucky winner in the annual "Kiss the Pig" contest.

Second row: Beth Shmedlein, left, and son Conner joined Jill Gavlick (with umbrella, right) in the Wesley Preschool's parade entry; Gavlick will take over the preschool this fall. Middle: Culver High School marching band member Tianna Basham is damp but marching on. Right: Culver Jr. football and cheerleaders filled their float, performing cheers and distributing candy.

Third row: Brandi Tuzniewiki, left, Megan Supan, middle, and Kaitlyn Czerniak, all of Crown Point, urge on their frog as part of the frog-jumping contest, one of several kids' events during the festival. Middle: Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels chats Saturday with Culver firemen Lance Overmyer and Dave Cooper (at right). Right: The fire dept. debuted its waterball tourney on Saturday; in blue shorts is Ryan Tusing, a Culver native and Indianapolis fireman. Below: Dean Norwich, left, and Bill Birk, both involved in the planning of the festival, clown around at the information booth in the park.



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More Lakefest news, results next issue!



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Library news



Friends donate towards versatile machine

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of an Ellison machine, which professionally cuts out letters and shapes for story times, signs, and other library-related projects. Children's librarian Linda Thorne, center, said, "This is a useful thing...it lasts forever and ever, and it's very versatile."

Thorne said the machine is also available for use by local schools. The Friends organization – represented above by president Sandy Wakefield, left, and Angie Nelligan – is open to anyone interested in joining. Meetings are held monthly, with the next held at the library on Mon., Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

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New digs

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's children's room completed a makeover earlier this summer, including relocation of its circulation desk, new lighting, and a whole new color scheme. Above is young adult assistant Alison Schuldt, left, assisting Kelsey (middle) and Nolan Shafer following the library's July 16 story hour, part of a regular roster of story hours and activities for youth. Information on library events is available at www.culver.lib.in.us

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Silly Safaris to bring exotic animals to Culver Public Library

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.

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