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These boots are made for...

Some of the members of Culver's informal "Walking Ladies" on a stroll last week. From left, Rosalie Bonine, Charlotte Hahn, Maryann Dutt, Barbara Winters, Marilyn Bickel, Jan Nannini (behind), Carol Minarik (in front, in blue shirt), Valerie Chase, and Mary Baker. Frequent walkers not pictured include Kay Tusing, Martha Roberts, Jean Rakich, Marilyn Kelly, Alma Posejpal, and Michele Jansey. Past walkers, says walker Marilyn Bickel, include Lynn Overmyer, Janet Burke, Charann Thornburg, Colleen Carpenter, Betty Hahn, Karen Altergott, Sandy Middleton, and Sally Manuel.

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Back to school

Culver Community schools were back in session Aug. 13, whose morning saw a stream of new and returning students to Monterey Elementary school, Culver Middle and High Schools, and Culver Elementary school, which is seen above. Here, Wyatt Coiner, far left, heads into the building for his first day of second grade, while Logan, his brother, tags along. At right is mom Michele Coiner and baby Sarah.

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In Brief

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 Dr., Culver, IN 46511.

Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History is in need of area artifacts to display in our recently renovated space, the future home of our museum. Items can either be a permanent gift to our collection or a loan. Artifacts may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library. Please stop in and see us in the lower Carnegie level of the library during regular library hours.

LMAX film fest

The first annual LMAX Film Festival will take place over Labor Day weekend at the town park and Uptown Cinema in Culver.

The event will support youth throughout the Culver community school district and including four county townships with the "Gift of Warmth." A jacket, winter coat, cash contribution for home heating, or any useful item that will help others stay warm will be the sole "price" of admission. In return, participants will enjoy a day of films, ending with a picnic and a feature movie under the stars.

The festival will take place Sat., Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the collection of donated clothing. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Culver's Up-

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More than just a walk in the park

Familiar group offers much more than fitness

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A visitor passing through Culver for the first time might initially be puzzled at the sight of up to 15 ladies clustered in a group, walking through town around 8 o'clock in the morning. But for most Culverites, the 'walking ladies,' as they've become known, are a familiar sight in recent years.

Though the group began in the 1980s – initially with Lynn Overmyer, Mary Baker, Jean Rakich, Delores McCarthy, and Eleanor Hopple – taking occasional walks for fitness, its ranks have swollen in the past decade to as many as 15 ladies, mostly retired. Originally, says walker Rosalie Bonine, she and several others were in a weight loss group and the walk was part of their exercise, even though "you're not supposed to stop and have coffee and food!" as Kay Tusing, another walker, quips.

But the 'walking ladies' have become much more than a group of ladies walking. "This is our therapy," says Rakich, relaxing with other group members at Café Max, one of a handful of area eateries – others include Osborn's Mini-mart and Culver Coffee Co. -- at which the ladies meet each morning, following their walk.

"It's not only physical; it's psychological," Bonine says, then adds with a laugh: "If someone has a problem, we all try to help solve it. It's cheaper than going to the psychiatrist!"

"We're a support group, physically and mentally," adds walker Marilyn Bickel. Walker Mary Ann Dutt, whom the group calls its "official secretary," keeps track of needs of the group members and others. As a result, the ladies give gifts, both to one another and those in the community they feel need them. They hold a birthday lunch each month for any member with a birthday, which includes cards and the birthday lady's choice of restaurant.

"Every one of us been ill at one time or another," says Rakich. "The group gives moral and physical support."

She cites a time when the group decorated one member's house for Christmas when she had an injury, and frequent deliveries of soup or pots of food to members in need.

The ladies have also become enthusiastic participants in Culver's annual scarecrow contest, which they say they've done for a decade, winning the competition three times so far. One of the founding walkers, Mary Baker, says there are a number of creative people in the group, so "it's important to us," adds Dutt.

Culver is a community accustomed to citizens coming and going, whether for the season or moving to or from the area.

"This is a good way for people new in the community to get

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Second Century updates on needs of Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For the second time this summer (the first was in June, before Culver's Kiwanis club), Culver's Second Century Committee, an offshoot of the Chamber of Commerce, updated a major local organization on its progress in identifying and addressing needs in the Culver community. Chairman Jack Cunningham and treasurer Rick Tompos shared the group's progress at the Culver Lions Club's Aug. 13 meeting, said Second Century member Kathy Clark.

Last fall, the committee

created a needs assessment analysis, seeking input from many charitable and civic organizations in the community. Identified as standout needs were progress in six areas: communications, aesthetics, recreation, housing, economic development, and government.

The Second Century steering committee took the communication category as its own to champion, with top priority given to communication between the various organizations in the community. Cunningham touched on the fact that there are currently two calendars on-

line seeking to pull together community events, that of the Chamber (www.culver-chamber.com) and that of the town of Culver (www.townofculver.org), rather than one consolidated calendar.

The Culver Redevelopment Committee offered to champion the cause of economic development in Culver, with the town's assorted gateways topping the list of priorities.

The category of government was broken by Second Century into two parts: in-

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BEAMing a light through Culver, Marshall County

Local youth help launch county-wide service group

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The young people of BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) are well aware of the impression many adults have of teenagers: jaded, withdrawn, sulking...not the stuff that evokes images of community leadership. And if the "youth movements" of eras like the 1960s were all about working outside – if not *against* – adult parameters, area teens in BEAM (or "BEAMers," as they prefer to be called) are a different breed, and somewhat represent the buzz occurring nationally that many young people want to change their country from the community on up, and want to do it positively.



Members of BEAM at the appropriately symbolic lighthouse in Culver's town park. Front row, left to right: Peggy Nifong, Anna Rich, Shannon Sichelka, Linda Cramer, Shelby Dirrim, Kelli-Jo Stachurski, and Bremen High School principal and BEAM sponsor Bruce Jennings. Back row: adult consultant Stasha Dirrim, Bryant Davenport, Andy Langdon, Mackenzie Williams, Nathan Niswander, Federico Cuattaccuatt, Myles Pinder, Nathaniel O'Dell. Not pictured: Alexis Howard.

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and through service.

"The future of Marshall County changing the future of Marshall County," says the slogan of BEAM, a youth philanthropic organization started this year as an offshoot of the Marshall County Community Foundation.

Bremen High School principal Bruce Jennings intro-

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Latest Lions

Two new members were inducted into the Culver Lions Club at its Aug. 13 dinner meeting. From left to right, Lioness Barbara Winters was sponsor for new member Arthur Giudice. Pictured next is new member Chickie Frole with her sponsor, Lioness Marilyn Kelly at far right.

The Culver Chamber's Second Century steering committee was the club's guest at the meeting (see article above). Culver's Lions Club meets at the town park depot/train station the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

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Police blotter

Jason Timothy Horn was charged with driving while suspended on June 24.

Logan M. Ashcraft, 19, of Findlay, OH was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 20.

Christopher M. Roberts, 35, of Winamac was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 20.

Sandra L. Myer, 51, of North Judson was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 20.

Dino P. McCay, 41, of Knox was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 22.

Justin W. Loehmer, 18, of Culver was issued a citation for a speeding violation on July 25.

Alison L. Turney, 25, of Monona, WI was issued a citation for failure to yield on July 26.

Alan T. Balchunas, 25, of Monterey was issued a citation for no tail lights on July 26.

Tina K. Montgomery, 42, of Culver was issued a citation for false/fictitious registration on July 27.

Nicholas D. Smith, 29, of Valparaiso, IN was issued a citation for no registration plate on July 27.

Beata Z. Lowisz, 29, of Knox was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 28.

Sheena M. Shook, 25, of Argos was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 28.

Jonathan T. Davis, 19, of Culver was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 28.

Evan J. Iwaniec, 18, of Knox was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation on July 29.

Cynthia B. Walsh, 44, of Crown Point, IN was issued a citation for a speeding violation on August 1.

Clinton L. Salyer, 32, of Rochester, IN was issued a citation for a speeding violation on August 3.

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infrastructure (such as water and sewer, and roads) and and planning for growth. The group recognizes the town council is in charge of this area, and plays an important role in others as well, but Clark says Second Century would like to see a more formal liaison group formed between itself and the council.

The recreation portion of the discussion focused primarily on talk of an area bike path or recreation trail. The committee encouraged interested persons to contact a committee member to be part of that team.

Clark said Mark Damore –a member of

Lions and the Second Century committee -- and Tom Kearns (just elected to the steering committee) have agreed to be team members in the aesthetics category, which is seeking to facilitate consistent outline lighting throughout Culver's commercial districts.

In the area of housing, the committee's identified, number one priority is to find a more diverse range of available housing in Culver, which could include lower income retirement housing and single family developments for families with children.

Second Century has also chosen its 2009 steering committee, which will include Patty Stallings, Tom Kearns, Rita Mason, and Ginny Munroe, replacing Ed Pinder, Kathy Clark, Dusty Henricks, and Jack Cunningham. Incumbents include Rick Tompos, Dick Brantingham, and Jim Weirick

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to know people," explains Bonine.

Valerie Chase, who moved to Culver not so many years ago from Chicago, agrees. "I moved here and came to the Catholic church," she recalls, "where I met (walker) Betty Hahn. She told me where to meet: at College Ave. and State St. The bus leaves at eight whether you're there or not!"

Baker affirms the welcoming atmosphere. "People would see us walking and we'd invite them."

Bickel says the group hangs out at whichever establishment is slated for the day (that schedule is set in stone, the ladies agree) sometimes for another 45 minutes after the walk, before the group walks back to College and State, often dropping off members at their respective homes as they go.

People, Bonine says, have come to expect seeing the group, and some homebound Culverites have expressed enjoying seeing the walkers go by on a regular basis. "And," smiles Bickel, "the traffic stops for us like ducklings crossing the road!"

One more recent contribution the walking ladies have made to the community grew out of the perspective afforded by walking, which many never notice if they only drive the community. "When you walk, you see so much more than when you're in the car," notes Bickel. "You see blight and terrible conditions in some places. We've been known to report to town hall when sewer covers are gone; some of this stuff is dangerous. We've covered every inch

Old and new members

said Clark, will meet Sept. 9 in preparation for the change of committee at the Oct. 7 meeting, which will take place at Roberts Auditorium in the Math and Science building on the Culver Academy campus at 7 p.m., in conjunction with the Culver Chamber's regularly scheduled meeting.

Many Second Century members had never attended a Lions Club meeting before, said Clark, "and they got the full brunt of (the Lions') joyous community spirit, with all the laughter and teasing."

Seventeen Second Century members were in attendance at the meeting, which included 50 people in all. "It was probably one of our best attended meetings in years," notes Clark. "We were thrilled."

of this town, including alleys."

That fact spurred Dick Brantingham, involved in a number of civic organizations in town, to solicit the ladies' help in identifying dangerous sidewalks buckled by overgrown tree roots. The town had opted to replace such walkways with safe ones and remove the offending trees, many of which were dead anyway, all of which touched on Brantingham's work with Culver's tree commission. Baker notes that several of the trees identified as problems – one of which led to one of the ladies to fall and injure herself badly enough to require stitches – have already been removed by the town.

Initially, says Rakich, the group began to notice a number of unsightly abandoned cars; this, and identification of other issues around town, led to the formation of Culver's nuisance committee, an offshoot of the town council. Baker says the group has "also been known to pick up trash," a comment that elicits a number of chuckling recollections of parts and décor obtained from dumpsters for use in the ladies' scarecrows each fall.

"We're a diversified group," observes Rakich. "We're all Christian women from all different backgrounds."

"And we're not all Democrats or Republicans," adds Baker.

"We've done some philanthropic things too, Rakich notes. "We took up a collection to buy new tools for a couple that had expensive tools stolen from their car."

At the end of the day, while the 'walking ladies' may not be a formally incorporated, officially recognized entity in Culver, their grass-roots steadiness has made them as much a unique and recognized part of the fabric of the area as any other. And they manage to do it all with humor, camaraderie, and warmth.

And all that walking might just help their fitness, too.

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Death notices

Homer B. Adkins
Aug. 10, 2008

MONTEREY — Homer B. Adkins, 67, of Monterey, died Sunday, Aug. 10 in Monterey. He is survived by his wife, Linda Adkins of Monterey; sons: Homer DeWayne Adkins of DeMotte and Dan Adkins of Palos Hills, Ill.; daughter, Sherry Victucci of Crown Point; sisters: Kay Smith of Garrison, Ky., Gail McCurr of Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Braman & Bailey Funeral Home, North Judson. Funeral services were Thursday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Memory Lanes, Schererville. Memorials may be made to the family.

Daniel Miller
Aug. 9, 2008

KNOX — Daniel Miller, 48, of Knox, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008 at Porter Memorial Hospital. He is survived by companion, Annette Bradley of Knox; stepdaughter, Bray Lynn (Brian) Lewis of Monterey; brothers: Don (Jan) Miller of Grovertown, William (Denee) Miller of Hannah and Wendell Miller of Knox; sisters: Wilma (Roy) Hensley of Knox, Brenda (Jerry) Chiles of Knox, Rhonda (Fred) Anderson of Xenia, Ohio and Lorene Miller of Knox; and three grandchildren. Visitation was Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Anniversary - McBride



Paul and Carol McBride of Plymouth will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family in August. They were married Aug. 22, 1948 at Pine Creek Church of the Brethren by Rev. E. Wayne Gerdes.

Their children are: Linda (H.C.) Colwell of South Bend and Paul (Marcia) McBride Jr. of South Bend. They also have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Paul is retired from Bendix as an electrician. He also taught at Ivy Tech for several years. Carol is retired from Tyner School as head cook, Marshall County Bank and the Marshall County Assessors Office.

Paul is also an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. He has been the pastor at the following area churches: Blissville Camp Creek, North Winona, Plymouth, Nappanee, Union and Wakarusa.

Culver student graduates from Denison University

GRANVILLE, Ohio -- A Culver student was among the 540 graduates awarded diplomas at Denison University's 167th commencement held May 11. Those awarded bachelor's degrees from Denison by President Dale T. Knobel include:

Patricia Anne Newton, daughter of Beth and Jeff Newton of Culver (46511). Newton, a graduate of The Culver Academies, earned a bachelor of arts degree with a double major in French and international studies. Newton was a recipient of the Heritage Scholarship and studied abroad during her junior year with the School for International Training's Program for Cultural Integration and the New Europe in France.

During the ceremonies, James Paul Clear delivered the senior class address, "Chimes and Times at Denison." In addition, senior class co-governors Romero Rayne Huffstead and Janine Marie Waranowicz announced the senior class gift. President of the National Academy of Sciences, Ralph J. Cicerone, delivered the commencement address.

Denison University, founded in 1831, is an independent, residential liberal arts college located in Granville, Ohio. With a selective enrollment of about 2,100 full-time undergraduate students from all 50 states and dozens of foreign countries, Denison is a place where innovative faculty and motivated students collaborate in research and civic engagement and cultivate original thought.



Star-spangled chopper

2002 Culver High School graduate Kenny Ketcham here sits on the National Guard Chopper built by Orange County Choppers in California. Kenny is attending Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Pehonix, Ariz where he will continue for the net year and a half studying Harley Davidson motorcycle repair. The National Guard Chopper was on display at MMI for three days in July. Ketcham is the son of aren etcham of Culver and James Ketcham of Plymouth.

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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, Aug. 21: Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread & margarine, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday, Aug. 22: Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots (in casserole), bread & margarine, jello w/fruit, and milk.

Monday, Aug. 25: Chicken patty & bun, broccoli, red potatoes, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries, wheat roll, and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Beef roast, rice, broccoli, pear, banana nut muffin & margarine, and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 28: Ham and beans, coleslaw, corn bread & margarine, greens, diced onion, apricots, and milk.

Friday, Aug. 29: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, corn, pineapple, and milk.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 21
 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Dawn Minas, Culver Coffee Co., Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 BZA mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Knights of Columbus Knights St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary's church rectory basement

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station/depot
Thursday, Aug. 28
 Classes begin, Culver Academies
 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Tom Turner, Marshall Co. Economic Dvlpt. Committee,

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

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Monday, Aug. 25
 Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

Tuesday, Aug. 26
 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, Aug. 27

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A new school year

The Beginning of any school year always has special significance. It is certainly no different here in Culver, Ind. One could even go so far as to say our community is all about education.

In our tradition, we are invited to celebrate what we call a votive mass to the Holy Spirit. In a special way we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us and indeed inspire

our mind is one and yet there are various aspects of the human mind. Augustine chose to reflect on the aspects of memory, understanding, and the will. These aspects of the mind serve as an image of God. The Father is akin to the memory, but in God the memory is total, perfect, complete and eternal; in fact, it is unbegotten.

When we accrue memories, it is only then that we can begin to understand things. The Son, Jesus Christ, is God's perfect understanding. Not only

does Jesus have the fullness of the Divine experience, but He also has the fullness of the Human experience as well! So in this case, the Understanding is perfect, total and eternally begotten from the unbegotten Memory of God.

Finally, once the human person begins to understand things, he or she in turn can then choose to act in a willful way. The Holy Spirit is God's perfect activity that proceeds from both the Memory and Understanding and is likewise perfect and eternal. It is through this Spirit that those who follow the Spirit's lead will be able to act in this world to make it a better place where mercy and justice rule!

It clearly seems appropriate that people of faith should turn to the Holy Spirit and ask for His guidance whenever we embark on new endeavors. Certainly a new school year should be counted among such noble endeavors. May this Spirit foster a deep and profound respect for one another. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your spirit that we might be re-created and thus renew the face of the earth! For us, that is Culver, Indiana!



Pastor's Corner

By Fr. Glenn Kohrman
St. Mary of the Lake
Catholic church

us to spread the Good News.

We understand the Holy Spirit to be the second person of the Most Holy Trinity. This Trinity is the way that Christianity from the earliest times chose to describe God.

The reality of God is often questioned in today's world, which is nothing new. St. Anselm, in the 1100s, tried to express the necessity of God. Some would go so far as to say this was his "proof" for God. At first glance, it's not the easiest thing to get your head around. It goes something like this: "God is God because God is greater than that which cannot be thought."

I think the following analogy can help us understand what he was getting at...consider all the things that we make, from cell phones all the way to the space shuttle. Do any of those things have any awareness of their maker? The point is that we are to be self-aware, and He revealed Himself to us. We really couldn't come up with this idea of God on our own.

God in the Christian understanding of things is fundamentally ONE. St. Augustine used the human mind as an image of God. Clearly

The Michigan Road

The Editor passed on to me the other day a letter (well, a postcard, really) to the Citizen from Bob Bracken, one of our Attentive Readers down in Frankfort (which



It's still the lake water...

By John Wm. Houghton

(he politely overlooked a snide reference to the Kokomo by-pass). The Michigan Road, he pointed out, is not US 31, but rather Indiana 29; indeed, not far north-east of Frankfort, Indiana 29 passes through Michigantown, with obvious reference to the road.

This is one of those "it depends on where you are" things. Down there in Clinton County (and in Carroll and part of Cass), it certainly is Indiana 29 that follows the old Michigan Road, as I have reason to remember. By the time I was a child, my mother's parents, Alfred and Myrtle Kingery, had moved from Culver back down to Flora (which is just about due north of Frankfort). When we went down there to visit, as we often did, we took 29 south from Logansport. One of the signs to me, there in the back of the Studebaker, that we were getting close to Grandma and Grandpa's was a short stretch of road south of Deer Creek, just after the bridge, that ran between two rows of sycamore trees. That piece of road, now known as "Sycamore Row" (and now bypassed by a new bridge and new section of 29), is—or so I was taught—one of the most telling remnants of the old Michigan Road. In order to get across the bit of swampy land

just south of the creek, the builders put in a section of corduroy—logs laid down side by side to make up the road bed. The green sycamore logs of the corduroy section sprouted and produced the trees that are still there today.

At one point, if I remember correctly, there had been a proposal to cut down the trees and widen the road. The preservationists, however, had the support of a radio and newspaper personality—Captain Stubby, of WLS's "Captain Stubby and the Buccaneers," and the syndicated column "Captain Stubby Sez." Tom Fouts, to use his real name, was a native of Carroll County, and knew Sycamore Row well (I discover that he also wrote the "Roto-Rooter" jingle, and died in Kokomo as recently as 2004). With him as one of the early tree-huggers, so to speak, that particular section of the Michigan Road was saved, and is in fact a state landmark.

But the Michigan Road isn't always Indiana 29. South of Frankfort, as it cuts southeast to Indianapolis, it's US 421.



Sycamore Row, one of the most obvious vestiges of the old Michigan Road. The sycamore trees are the outgrowth of the old corduroy road.

PHOTO/JOHN HOUGHTON

US 35 and Michigan Blvd. on its way into Michigan City.

Some of this confusion comes, of course, simply from modern road numbering systems. But another part of it is the

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Nostalgia

75 years ago

Aug. 23, 1933

- Peter Spangler, age 90, died last Weds. at the home of his daughter, Laura Babcock of Rochester. He enlisted in the Civil War at Plymouth and was mustered into the service on Feb. 10, 1864 in Company C, 48th Ind. Volunteer regiment, receiving an honorable discharge in 1865. He married Harriet Ann Bogardus after returning from the war, and the couple had two daughters, Mrs. Laura Babcock and Mrs. H.N. Blair, Decatur, and one son, George Spangler of Culver. Mr. Spangler, who lived in Culver for many years, was a carpenter and brick mason and helped construct many of the buildings of the Culver Military Academy.
- Road 17 is being oiled near Kewanee and Delong with the same type of treatment that was used successfully near Culver this summer.
- A crowd of about 1,000 filled Vandalia park last week to hear the program of the Pure Milk Association at the joint picnic of the Bremen, Teegarden, Plymouth, and Monterey locals. The throng was the largest to visit the park in several years. The president of the national association gave the address, and 130 gallons of chocolate milk were consumed by the visitors. The day's activities concluded with the milking contest at the Kline and Shilling farm, in which 12 young ladies competed. Miss Dorothy Ford of Etna Green won with

10.6 pounds of milk in three minutes. .

50 years ago

Aug. 20, 1958

- O.T. Goss, age 86, retired Culver merchant, died Thurs. morning at the Landis nursing home in Argos. Born at Bremen, Mr. Goss purchased the Culver hardware store, which he operated until 1943 when he sold it to Paul Snyder. Mr. Goss was a director of the Culver and Argos State Exchange Banks and the Farmer's State Bank at Lapaz for several years. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Bremen.
- Memo from Margaret McDonald, assistant editor of the Citizen, found on the editor's desk: "Evert Hoesel called to report that the heavy rain which occurred Thurs. night resulted in a flooded condition again around the El Rancho theatre. This situation has existed for the past 23 years and he is quite perturbed about it. There were 55 adults, men and women, who were forced to remove shoes and stockings before they could wade to their automobiles after the show." Theatre manager Hoesel, who brings such excellent movies to our town, will have to learn to be patient. Our town board will undoubtedly do something about the matter before the 25th anniversary of the El Rancho (editor's note: ...or perhaps before the 75th!).
- Blue Barron's famous orchestra will play Fri. night at the formal

summer commencement ball at Culver Military Academy.

- For the first time in 18 years Frank Amond, genial skipper of the SS Maxinkuckee, familiar excursion launch, has suffered a loss by robbery. Early Sat. morning a thief or thieves boarded the craft at its town park dock and stole a fire extinguisher, an American flag, a battery, and a highly prized assortment of tools.
- "No Time for Sergeants" is a riot at the Maxinkuckee Playhouse this week; the new show is awfully funny.
- The Lions Club's most important project of the year, the annual Kid-die's Day parade, will be held Aug. 28 and will start at the high school and end at the town park.

25 years ago

Aug. 24, 1983

- Todd Tusing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tusing of Main St. swam the length of Lake Maxinkuckee, about 2.3 miles, in just two and a half hours last Sat. morning.
- The Culver Democratic party caucused last week at town hall with over 40 members present. Bobetta Washburn of Academy Rd. was chosen for the town clerk spot. Dale Sensibaugh of Lakeview St., a local roofing contractor, is running for town board in the first ward. Henry Kepler of Academy Rd. will try for the board spot for the second ward. Bill Vosteen of Nueva Gorda will fill the third ward spot.

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same time, he said, the Lily Endowment gave the MCCF a surprise gift of \$70,000 in leftover scholarship money ("The executive board called it 'pennies from Heaven,'" Jennings smiled). Jennings and Dirrim felt benefiting many young people was preferable to one scholarship for just one student, and the idea of BEAM was born. "We decided we should let the youth decide what to do with that \$70,000," he notes.

That idea, as it evolved, became a senate-based model of representation from all the public schools in Marshall County (Culver Academies, a private school is also represented; Jennings said that the Baptist school in Plymouth pulled out its applicants); that is, an equal representation for each school, rather than one based on school population size. BEAM is comprised of seven males and seven females; six seniors, eight juniors, all hailing from a total of eight high schools county wide.

A screening committee made of up MCCF board members filtered the more than 40 applicants down to:

Linda Cramer, a Laville junior; Federico Cuattaccuatt, a Plymouth senior (Jennings praised Cuattaccuatt for his artistic talent in designing the group's lighthouse logo); Bryant Davenport, a Triton junior; Shelby Dirrim, a Bremen junior; Alexis Howard, a Culver Academy senior; Andy Langdon, a Plymouth junior and BEAM treasurer; Peggy Nifong, a Triton senior; Nathan Niswander, a Culver High School junior; Nathaniel O'Dell, a John Glenn junior; Myles Pinder, a Culver High School senior and president of BEAM; Anna Rich, a Culver Academy junior and recorder for BEAM; Shannon Sickelka, a Bremen senior and secretary of BEAM; Kelli-Jo Stachurski, an Argos junior; and Mackenzie Williams, an Argos junior.

If nothing else, said Jennings, "the networking and ideas these young people are sharing, they'll take back to their home schools. We've already stolen all kinds of ideas we'll use in the Bremen schools!"

Stasha Dirrim herself, now a consultant and obvious source of inspiration for the members, described the commitment of the students who signed on "blindly into a project; all they knew was they would be bettering their community. When I told them they'd be getting the \$70,000, it was the most incredible moment ever! These kids will change the mould of Marshall County. They will show their peers what youth can do in their communities."

"We were all drawn to this opportunity due to our desire to improve our schools, our community, and the entire coun-



Stash Dirrim, adult consultant for newly-formed BEAM, shares her enthusiasm for youth empowerment and philanthropy at the group's Aug. 17 press conference.

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ty," said BEAM president Pinder. He said the group hopes to lend time and talent to identified needs and causes throughout the county and also offer smaller grants to local youth philanthropy groups that embody vision of BEAM. "BEAM will try to start and support at least one community service project locally per month" once it gets on its feet, Pinder added.

Andy Langdon, BEAM treasurer, said he met with MCCF director Jennifer Maddox and discussed the group's finances; MCCF gave BEAM an opening fund of \$2,500 with which to start off running.

For her part, Shelby Dirrim says she's excited not just to be watching older sister Stasha involved in community service. "This is really, really exciting," she beams. "I've seen what groups like this can do."

"We're showing our generation is not all jaded and outside of things," adds Shannon Sickelka. "We really can jump in and make a difference."

Even though BEAM

itself is comprised solely of the existing members, Jennings says the group seeks to "model community service and get other youth to 'pay it forward. We want to get as many youth involved in this movement as possible, including younger, (elementary-age) kids."

He notes that after this year, BEAM will need 10 students to replace seniors leaving for college. "BEAM is not like the Lions Club or Kiwanis," Jennings continues. "We'll be turning over every two or four years." Active members, he says, may be freshman through seniors in high school.

In the meantime, today's BEAMers intend to spread the word in their own schools to build up community service-oriented groups amongst their peers. BEAM will also address the MCCF at its annual meeting Sept. 25 at the Argos Community Life Center, to which the public is invited.

Stasha Dirrim has seen the possibilities in youth philanthropy firsthand, all of which grow out of youth empowerment, which she says is "working to counter the image of the 'me' generation. It's recognizing the capabilities of youth to care and make a difference and be involved. Adults in the community have to be willing to give kids the knowledge and opportunities and resources; then youth can make the difference."

While Culver's Anna Rich says the group's initial goal is to assess the needs of the county as a whole, that hasn't stopped the Culver-based BEAM members from contemplating specific needs in Culver. Pinder says he's hoping to involve BEAM members and others in helping with the Sept. 27-28 Vandalia Village community-built playground effort. He adds that local members plan to be available to aid any local people with specific service needs, such as help shoveling sidewalks.

Nathan Niswander notes that local BEAM members like himself hope to work towards incorporating already-existing CCHS service groups like CYCO and the CAVS club actively into BEAM's mission. Pinder and Niswander agree that they'd like to see service enthusiasm spread at their school. "I don't think it's that people don't want to help," Pinder explains. "It's that maybe don't know how to. If we can get the idea out there, I believe (many students) will help."

Rich expects BEAM's focus to take off at Culver Academies. "Leadership is a huge deal at the Academy, so many students will be willing to jump at that. We usually do mostly in-school (service) groups, so something in the local community will go well; it will be something different."

SCILL Center offers Power Point class

The SCILL Center in Knox is offering an Introduction to PowerPoint workshop Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon. PowerPoint is the most popular presentation software in the world. In this course, participants will learn how to create, design and edit individual presentation slides. They will gain an understanding of PowerPoint's most important tools and features for building effective presentations. PowerPoint is an easy-to-use presentation design tool helping users make effective presentations.

This class will be held at the Knox Library, 152 W. Culver Rd. in Knox. Seating is limited so call Terri Noonan at 574-772-8001 to register.

Briefs, from page A1

Town Cinema (Lake Shore Dr.) will show continuous films. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the festival will feature a picnic and music in the Culver

Town Park. From 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the festival concludes with entertainment and an outdoor feature film in the park.

Citizen cell phone

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

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'Lake Water', from page 4

fact that the Michigan Road itself runs anything but straight from Indianapolis to Michigan City. It regularly swings, jogs, and bends to avoid swamps and other obstacles, remaining on the best land. This may seem simply like good engineering, but there's more to it than that. The original treaty with the Pottawattomi provided for a 100-foot-wide right of way for the actual road, and, along with it, a square mile of "good land" for every mile of the road, the idea being that the state would sell off the land to pay for the road. The square mile was required to be contiguous to the road, but there was no requirement about the path of the road itself. Thus the route of the road could dramatically increase or decrease the value of the associated land—and, unsurprisingly, the state's agents laid out the road in such a way as to maximize the state's take. Marshall County's pioneer chronicler, Daniel McDonald, wrote, in his 1908 History:

As I view it, the wording of the treaty was a cunningly devised arrangement to swindle the Indians out of an immense amount of the best lands belonging to them in the state. The words "good land" enabled the legislature to zigzag the road so as to avoid all the bad land and run around through all the "contiguous good land" through the entire state. By referring to the map of Marshall county it will be seen that from the time the road enters the county on the south until it reaches the northern boundary, the Michigan road sections are so disjointed on the map that they have the appearance of a great big stairway....The object of this "wobbling" was to avoid low or swamp lands and get over onto a better quality....[F]our miles south of Plymouth, the angle is so abrupt that the sections are barely "contiguous." From La Paz the road zigzags about until it reaches South Bend, where it turns abruptly and runs directly west through some of the best prairie lands in the state, or anywhere else for that matter....The disjointed manner in which these Michigan road sections appear on the map of Indiana is a perpetual verdict against the conspirators who defrauded the Indians out of their rights; and like the blood on the hands of Lady McBeth [sic], "the d-----d spot will not out" (147).

Given the force of McDonald's language here, it may be no surprise that he was also one of the prime movers in getting the state to erect the statue of Chief Menominee on Peach Road—reputedly the first monument to a Native American ever to be put up by a state government.

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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Council takes major step towards siren replacement

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council took a major step towards settling a long standing debate over the best way to handle the installation of a new warning siren on the north side of Culver, at its Aug. 12 meeting. Culver fire chief Mike Grover presented the council with a quote for a new siren to replace the aged signal presently atop the town hall; the new siren, said Grover, is 110 decibels loud from zero to 100 feet away from the signal. At one-half mile away, the siren is 70 decibels, the FEMA minimum standard for public signals and a rate Grover said his department was comfortable with.

The new signal, an American Signal model priced around \$10,500 will be used for noon whistles and fire sirens, while existing signals on the north and south sides of town will revert to use only as severe weather signals. The north side siren, installed earlier this year, has been the subject of controversy as many residents in the surrounding neighborhood found its volume intrusive.

The existing siren has been in place for at least five decades, and its mounting – on a crumbling brick chimney on the north side of the town hall building – has been deemed unsafe. The council discussed the best choice for mounting the newly approved siren, which should arrive in four to six weeks, according to Grover. The chief felt that NIPSCO might be willing to provide and mount a new pole for the signal, whose ideal mounting height is 55 feet. He also noted that raising the siren will make its signal sound quieter to people in the 100 feet surrounding it, but its volume will be increased to residents further out.

In response to queries by resident Bill Roth pertaining to recent storms, Grover also explained that emergency personnel are called out during severe weather to act as tornado 'spotters,' and that the town's official tornado signal is only used in the event of a confirmed sighting or a line of seriously dangerous wind. Thus, even when area television stations issue a tornado warning, Culver's local tornado siren – one long, continuous blast instead of the four shorter blasts that signal a fire or non-weather emergency – might not be used.

In other discussion, the council heard concerns from Patricia Robarts about a South Main St. house bordering a rental property of her own. She said renters in her house have complained about potentially hazardous conditions at the vacant house next door, including sightings of rodents. She also expressed concerns that the roof is a danger if a child should gain access to the unoccupied structure. She added she has lost two tenants because of the house's proximity to her rental.

Town clerk Casey Howard noted that Grover, the town building inspector, and a representative of the county inspected the property last year. "There was nothing that the fire department can do to say it's unsafe," commented Grover, who added that the public's ability to enter the house is sufficiently barred. Howard said the homeowner met the requested standards to keep the house safe, including closing up the roof to keep raccoons out. Council president Sally Ricciardi also noted the lawn at the property is kept mowed and the sidewalk outside being replaced, and a tree that had caused that sidewalk to buckle has been removed. Ricciardi will contact necessary the inspectors, including the county health inspector, to visit the house again.

The council opted to uphold fines issued to a Culver area couple who at the previous meeting had disputed tickets issued them for being in the town park after the midnight



For over five decades, this chimney has been home to the siren seen atop it, all on top the town hall building. Today the chimney is deteriorating, causing the town council to move forward with plans to replace it.

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deadline. The couple, who said their vehicle was having trouble at the time, had been asked at that meeting to provide proof of their vehicle being towed at the Aug. 12 meeting, which they did not attend.

Council member Ginny Munroe said she has re-

searched places to post advertisements for the town manager position in Culver, and presented the council with a list of possible places including some online job search sites and college and government websites, both national and statewide. It was agreed that the first part of 2009 is the target period to hire a new manager.

The council held first, second, and third readings and thus finalized ordinance 2008-09, which amended ordinance 2001-002 and 2007-011. The new ordinance sets standard rates for water shutoff and turn on – at \$30 off and on – whether one's water is turned off due to failure to pay, or due to an extended stay away from town, such as traveling south for the winter.

The council also passed the first reading of ordinance 2008-008, which alters salaries for town departments, but will wait until budgetary numbers are finalized before the remaining readings.

Council member Ed Pinder reported he has been speaking to street and sewer department heads about less overtime in their respective departments; both have said they will do what they can.

It was noted that the town's public budget hearing will take place Aug. 26.

Council member Lynn Overmyer reported she gave permission to Culver's fire department to have a sink-hole filled in which began after a heavy rain in the past few weeks. The hole, said fire chief Grover, was in the parking lot across State St. from the fire dept. garage, and was a few feet wide, some three feet down, and six feet across at the bottom. 24 yards of fill were used, at a cost of around \$1,200, to fill in the hole, which was the result of an old cistern under the lot.

The council approved \$1500 for a software upgrade for the town's Greentree utility computer program. Also approved was a write-off of \$147 for Culver's EMS, which has been unable to collect the money owed despite turning the matter over to a credit bureau.

Town clerk Casey Howard reported on an incident Aug. 4 when police were called concerning a large pile-up of trash at a Culver residence. The renter there told police the trash would be cleaned up soon, but a neighbor called Aug. 11 saying the odor of the trash is making the neighborhood smell. Howard will write a letter allowing five days to take care of the problem, or the town will be forced to remove the trash at the expense of the owner.

Town attorney Ron Gifford announced the start of a public hearing on annexation of 15 parcels (with seven property owners) in the Long Point area into the town of Culver. The properties have an assessed value, said Gifford, of \$6,121,800. The second and third readings passed.

Jennifer Maddox, executive director of the Marshall Co. Community Foundation/United Way, requested the council's permission to place a United Way sign near the Vandalia depot in the town park from Aug. 16 to sometime before Christmas, which the council approved.

Myles Pinder informed the council about an upcoming press conference on a recently-formed youth philanthropic organization, BEAM, an offshoot of the county Community Foundation (see article elsewhere this issue).

The council also voted to advertise to hire a full time street employee.

Chamber ribbon cuttings

Culver's Chamber of Commerce held ribbon cutting ceremonies for several area businesses Aug. 9, coinciding with the town's annual Sidewalk Days event. The Chamber recognized businesses that have opened in approximately the past year, and intends to hold similar events for other area businesses that have opened recently or been taken over by new management.

In the top left photo, Larry Brockey of Brocey Insurance (second from left), 103 S. Main St., is flanked by Chamber members Dick Brantingham (far left), Dawn Minas (second from right) and Chamber president Mike Stallings.

In the photo above, Dave Beggs, who took over ownership of Culver's Pro Hardware from Bill Snyder last year, prepares to cut the ribbon at his own store at 120 S. Main St. Left: Chamber members join the Willhite family of Gladie's Deli & Catering, 108 N. Main St., which also opened its doors last year. At right, next to Brantingham, is Gladie's owner Lee Willhite. To his right – from right to left – are brothers Jeff and Mike, and mother Gladys, for whom the deli is named.

Bottom photo: Mike Overmyer of JMC Engineers joins Chamber members outside the 110 N. Main St. location of the company's headquarters. JMC began its work officially in 2007, but opened in its downtown locale in Jan., 2008.

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Culver Cub Scouts hold round-up

Cub Scout Pack 290, operated by Wesley United Methodist Church of Culver, invites you and your son to become a part of one of America's leading values-driven organizations. Cub Scouting is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships within the family.

Cub Scouting combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents to help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness. In addition, the program provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop. According to a recent study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, "Character may be defined as the 'willingness to do what is right, regardless of circumstances.'" Cub Scouting teaches boys what is right, in part by encouraging them to reflect on lessons learned through Cub Scouting activities."

Pack 290 will be hosting a round-up, where boys and their parents can find out more about Cub Scouting. We encourage every boy to bring a buddy. September 3 at 6:30 p.m., at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. Enter through north basement door. Join us for more information.

United Way of Marshall County announces "Golf for United Way" day

Plymouth, Indiana – The United Way of Marshall County is pleased to announce "Golf for United Way Day" Wed., Aug. 27 to support the 2008 campaign. Half of the greens fees for all golfers on the West Course at Indiana National Golf Club at Swan Lake Resort will be donated to the United Way.

"This is a wonderful new partnership for the United Way of Marshall County," said Jennifer Maddox, executive director. "Pat Bayley, Director of Golf at the Indiana National Golf Club at Swan Lake Resort, offered to help us with this year's campaign. We're pleased to have this fundraising opportunity." Pat added, "Swan Lake is proud to support the United Way in their cause to help local needs. This is a way in which all can help the United Way's campaign and play a little golf while doing it. I encourage local businesses to send a foursome out that day as we would like to make this a successful annual event."



Culver tennis winners

Tom and Jeanne Barnes, Mixed Doubles winners at the Culver Invitational Tennis Tournament, held August 9 and 10. Five teams played a round robin for the Women's Doubles match Saturday morning and the trophy was won by Mary Raimondi and Shelley Plumlee. Jim Peterson won the Bud Bramfeld trophy for Men's Intermediate Singles. In the afternoon, eight teams played in the Advanced Men's Doubles. In the finals, the grandfather-grandson team of Gene Tardy and Jack Mitzell won the Dave Baker trophy playing against Don Showley and Max Hungerford. Noah Gedrimas and Jack Mitzell were the only entrants to play in the Advanced Men's Singles. Despite being tired, they agreed to play right after the Men's Doubles Match. Noah prevailed to win the Tommy Hendricks trophy. On Sunday, a mix of young and old came out to play Mixed Doubles. Tom and Jeanne Barnes won the Fred Adams trophy by playing in the finals against Andy and Amy David.

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Adult summer reading winners

The Culver-Union Township Public Library announced its winners for the adult summer reading program, which began June 7 and ended August 2.

This year's Catch the Reading Bug first place winner was Kelly Robbins, who won a \$50 Borders gift card, with 182 points; second place winner was Gregory Fisher, who won a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Nobles, with 106 points.

"I didn't really do it to win, I just read a lot and tend to read fast, but I'll definitely do it again," said Robbins.

"It was a fun time and I'll definitely do it again next year. Maybe I'll even try to win!" said Fisher.

Catch the Reading Bug was this year's theme. Ten points were given for any book or DVD with "bug" or "metamorphosis" in the title or theme, and 1 point for any title not following the theme.

Twenty-five contestants signed up for the contest with 14 finishing. Every participant received a prize.

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A good day for a picnic (and auction)...

Culver's Wesley United Methodist church held a community picnic and auction Aug. 17 that included fun and games for the kids, as seen in the photo far left, top row, of two-year-old Ben Lucas trying his hand at the bucket toss. In the right-hand photo, top row, Verl Shaffer, right, shares a drink with wife Sylvia as granddaughter Lauren looks on. Second row, far left photo: Ed Pinder helps Marcia Adams fill her plate. Middle photo: David Baker and Edna Taber watch the action as the live auction gets under way. Photo at right: Marlene Shoddy tempts the bidding crowd with a home-made pie. Bottom row, left photo: Phil Mallory, left, acted as auctioneer and sounded like a pro; here, his wife Kay displays another pie for bidding. Photo at right: Kay Mallory and Linda Lan hold up a colorful Lake Maxinkuckee quilt made by the church's quilting group, also up for auction.

The event raised around \$3,000 towards repairing water damage problems in the church basement. The organizers wish to thank all who contributed.

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Trinity A visit to Lake Maxinkuckee winner - circa 1912

Mike Stallings (left) receives a picnic basket from Don Freese, president of Trinity Lutheran Church. Stallings entered his name in a drawing for the free basket at Trinity Lutheran Church's Lakefest Booth.

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Editor's note: Indianapolis author Meredith Nicholson may not be as well known today as contemporaries and friends of his like James Whitcomb Riley and Booth Tarkington. But in 1906, his novel "The House of a Thousand Candles," inspired by his stay in a still-standing house on Lake Maxinkuckee's east shore, was the best selling novel in America and spawned at three movies.

Lesser known to local readers is Nicholson's charming description of the lake in his novel "A Hoosier Chronicle," published March, 1912. Nicholson substitutes the name "Waupegan" for Maxinkuckee and draws special attention to the awe experienced by his young heroine, Sylvia, upon seeing such a large body of water. Sylvia hails from southern Indiana, which in those days had few lakes of any size. Sylvia's grandfather, in fact, likens her Maxinkuckee experience to experiencing the sea. The brief passage from "A Hoosier Chronicle" below captures life on Maxinkuckee in the days before roads and electric lights, when traveling on the lake was done by steamboat and a nighttime visit here was magic to a young girl from 'down south.'

So it happened that on a June evening they left the train at Waupegan and crossed the platform to the wheezy little steamer which was waiting just as the timetable had predicted; and soon they were embarked and crossing the lake, which seemed to Sylvia a vast ocean. Twilight was enfolding the world, and all manner of fairy lights began to twinkle at the far edges of the water and on the dark heights above the lake. Overhead the stars were slipping

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Steamboats congregate by the Vandalia Park pier from which most Maxinkuckee tour craft launched from the late 19th through the early 20th century (the spot is the same as the pier just west of the public beach in today's town park).

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into their wonted places.

"You can get an idea of how it is at sea," said her grandfather, smiling at her long upward gaze. "Only you can hardly feel the wonder of it all here, or the great loneliness of the ocean at night."

It was, however, wonder enough, for a girl who had previously looked upon no more impressive waters than those of Fall Creek, Sugar Creek, and White River. The steamer, with much sputtering and churning and not without excessive trepidation on the part of the captain and his lone deck hand, stopped at many frail docks below the cottages that hung on the bluff above. Every cottager maintained his own light or combination of lights to facilitate identification by approaching visitors. They passed a number of sailboats lazily idling in the light wind, and several small power boats shot past with engines beating furiously upon the still waters.

"The Bassetts' dock is the green light; the red, white, and blue is Mrs. Owen's," explained the captain. "We ain't stoppin' at Bassett's tonight."

These lights marked the farthest bounds of Lake Waupegan, and were the last points touched by the boat. Sylvia watched the green light with interest as they passed. She had thought of Marian often since their meeting at Mrs. Owen's. She would doubtless see more of her now: the green light and the red, white and blue were very close together.

Mrs. Owen called to them cheerily from the dock, and waved a lantern in welcome. She began talking to her guests before they disembarked.

"Glad to see you, Andrew. You must be mighty hungry, Sylvia. Don't smash my dock to pieces, Captain; it's only wood."

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